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FREEBRIDGE HUNDRED AND HALF.

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CLAVERING HUNDRED.

In *Domesday Book* called *Clavelinga*, from *Clay* (as *Clay* by the sea coast, and *Clacklose* hundred, of which see there) and *Linga*, lying or being seated by the water and low meadows. It was in the Crown and united to the hundred of *Loddon*, and farmed together, by Sir *John de Clavering*, in the reign of *Edward* I. as in *Loddon* hundred. This family might take their name from the town of *Clavering*, situated near the rise of the river *Stort*, in the hundred of *Clavering* in *Essex*, of which town Sir *John de Clavering*, a nobleman, being lord, in the reign of King *Edward* I. was by that King's appointment called *De Clavering*.

ALDBY, OR ALDEBURGH.

Ralph de Beaufoe had a grant of this lordship from the Conqueror, and possessed it at the survey; a freeman of Archbishop *Stigand* was lord in King *Edward's* reign, and there belonged to it 2 carucates of land, one villain and 5 borderers, with 3 servi; there were 2 carucates in demean and one among the tenants, 15 acres of meadow, pannage for 20 swine, with one runcus. Fifteen freemen were under his protection, and belonged to his fold, with 40 acres, and 3 carucates of meadow valued at 40*s.* and there was a church, with 12 acres, valued at 2*s.* eleven freemen also belonged to it with 2 carucates and a half of land, and 30 acres; of 7 of these his predecessor had the protection in King *Edward's* time, and *Stigand* had it of the other 4; and his predecessor had the livery of it with the land; there were 12 borderers, with 5 carucates and a half, and 19 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 33*s.* but at the survey, at 6*l.* 10*s.*—The whole was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 2*s.* and 1*d. ob.* gelt, whoever posseas it.[z]

[z] Terra R. de Bellofago.——Aldeburg ten. 1 lib. ho. Stigandi, ii car. tre. sep. i vills. et v. bor. tc. iii ser m°. ii et sep. ii car. in dnio. tc. i car. ho'um. xv ac. pti. silv. xx por. et sep. i r. et xv. lib. hoes. soca falde et comd. xl. ac. tc.

Ralph de Beaufoe was a near relation, or son to *William de Beaufoe* Bishop of *Thetford*, chancellor to the Conqueror, and left at his death an only daughter, *Agnes*, who brought it by marriage to *Hubert de Rye*, castellan of *Norwich* castle, son of *Hubert de Rye*, a trusty servant to *William* the Conqueror, when Duke of *Normandy*; this *Agnes*, at the request of *Herbert* Bishop of *Norwich*, granted great part of this lordship to the priory of *Norwich*, founded by that Bishop, with the patronage of the church, which the said Bishop appropriated to the said priory; and a small priory was erected here, as a cell to that priory, dedicated to St. *Mary*, consisting of a prior and 3 black monks.

King *Henry* I. by his *præispe* commands that the church, all the land and men, &c. which *Agnes de Belso* gave to the monks of the Holy Trinity of *Norwich*, in *Aldebi*, be held by them in perpetual alms, and that no injury, &c. be offered them; witnesses, *Roger Fitz-Richard, William de Tankerdville*; dated at *Rockingham*. The said King confirmed the grant of *Hubert de Rie*,[2] of tithes in *Swanton, Hockering, Deepham*, &c. with the church and manor of *Aldeby*, which *Agnes de Belso*, his wife, had granted to the said priory, with *Richard* her son, and *Anthony* her chaplain, whom they had taken into their society, the tithe of the whole village and hall, 100 acres of arable land, an 100 sheep, a marsh with pasture for 100 sheep, also common of pasture, a carucate of land with 6 socmen, 6 lancheches,[3] and 40*s.* rent in *Thurketeliart*, on the petition of *Henry de Rye*, son and heir of *Hubert* and *Agnes*;—witnesses, *William de Tancardiville, Richard Basset*; dated at *London*.

Henry de Rye granted two parts of the tithe of all the lands which his father, or he himself ever held in demean, to the priory of *Norwich*, (for the health of his own, his father's and mother's souls,[4]) as his father and mother had granted, when they laid the second stone, on the foundation of the priory church in *Aldebi*.

In the 14th of *Edward* I. *William Roscelyne* gave the King 10*l.* for a license, to purchase of *William*, prior of *Norwich*, and the convent, the lordship of this town, called in the record, *Audeby*, excepting 30 messuages, 500 acres of land, 40 of meadow, 300 of marsh, 40 of wood, a mill, 10 marks rent *per ann.* and the advowson of the church, all which the prior reserved to the convent, and was called the prior's manor, distinct from the other.[5] This shows that manors have been erected within time of prescription, though some lawyers say otherwise; and what is another proof, in a pleading *Ao.* 6° *Edward* II. the jury for the hundred of *Middleton*, in *Kent*, present, that in the time of King *Richard* I. *Stephen de Northwode* purchased some assarted land, which land was at the time of the presentment called the manor of

iii car. mo. ii. et ii ac. pti. et val. xl. sol. i. eccla. xii ac. et val ii sol. huic manerio jacent xi lib. hoes. ii car. tre. et dim. et xxx ac. de vii. habuit suus antecess. comd. T. R. E. et de iiii Stigand et fuit antecessori lib'atu. p'trw. sep. xii bor. et v car. dim. et xviiii ac. pti. silv. vi. por. tc. val. xxxiii. sol. mo. vi lib. et x sol. totu. ht i leug in long. dim. in lato. et ii sol. et iii. obol. de g. q'cq. tenet.

[2] Tanner in his Notit. Monast. p. 345, calls him by mistake, Robert de Ria.

[3] Landcheap, or Lancheches, an ancient customary fine, paid on the sale, &c. of land.

[4] Reg. Eccles. Cath. Norw. 5. fol. 7.

[5] Fin. 14 Ed. I. l. 3. n. 131.—Plita de Jurat. et Assis. apud Norw. in Octav. Sci Hillar. *Ao.* 13 Ed. I.—Plita Coron. Banc. *Ao.* 6°. Ed. II. Rot. 57, Dorso.

Northwode Casteneys. In the 14th also of the said King, the prior claimed the assise, view of frank pledge, &c. of his tenants, and in the 35th year, had a grant of free warren;—witnesses, *John* Bishop of *Carlisle, Adomar. de Valentia, Henry de Percy,* &c.

Laurence, prior of *Norwich,* vicar-general to *Thomas* Bishop of *Norwich,* appoints *John de Bedingfeld,* prior of this cell, to take the confessions, to absolve and to enjoin the penances of the prioress, and nuns of *Bungeye;* dated at *Norwich, May* 27, 1355.

The temporalities of the priory were valued in 1428, at 7*l.* 15*s.* 6*d.* in the 6th of *Edward* IV. the Lady *Isabel Morley* died patroness, as heir to the founders, *Hubert* and *Agnes de Rye:* and in the 21st of that King, I find *Edmund Salle, Roger Framingham,* and *William Spink,* to be monks in this cell.

William Bexwell occurs prior in 1505, and had the lete; *Edmund Drake, alias Norwich,* a monk there, was prior, and in 1538, made prebend of the 4th stall in the church of *Norwich.—Richard de Eye,* prior, *A°.* 1st of *Henry* VI.—*Thomas Hethyll A°.* 2d *Edward* IV. On the Dissolution it came to the Crown, and on the foundation of a dean and chapter at *Norwich,* by King *Henry* VIII. in 1538, was granted to them, and so continues.

In 1376, Sir *Thomas Savage,* Knt. was buried by the south porch in the churchyard of the priory church: all the monks except two, are at the Dissolution said to be desirous of being discharged.

The family of *De Rosceline,* had an interest in this town, *William de Rosceline* held here and in *Whetacre* a quarter of a fee, *A°.* 20 of *Henry* III. of *John de Marshal,* (Baron of *Rye,* in right of *Alice* his wife, daughter and coheir of *Hubert de Rye,* the last heir male of that family,) by *Lætitia* his wife; he was father of Sir *Thomas de Rosceline,* who in the 53d of the said King, was querent in a fine, and *William,* son of *Adam de Audeley,* deforciant of a messuage and 40 acres of land here and in *Whetacre,* granted to Sir *Thomas,* who covenants to grant to *William,* for life, competent maintenance in eating and drinking, as one of his Esqs. and the like for his boy; to pay him besides yearly at *Michaelmas, ad Jocalia sua emenda,* with 2 robes, one of a mark price for *William,* and one of half a mark for the boy, and if Sir *Thomas* should die during *William's* life, then his heirs should pay 5 marks *per ann.* in full for the same; with a clause of distress in this lordship, and that of *Northton;* at this time the lord's bailiff would not suffer the King's bailiff to enter into this lordship; and in the 55th year had a grant of free warren and a weekly mercate and fair in this town.

In the 14th of *Edward* I. *William Rosceline* claimed the assise of his tenants, view of frank pledge, a gallows, and free warren; in the 26, he and *Joan* his wife, settled it on themselves and their heirs, having purchased a lordship of the prior of *Norwich,* in this town, *A°.* 14; there being certain differences between the prior and Sir *William,* about the rights of common, the prior was allowed by Sir *William,* to take marle out of the great common of *Aldeby,* called *Mekylheyth* to marle his lands, by agreement, dated 1310;[6] to which Sir *Robert Baynard, Walter de Bernham, Simon de Dalling, John de Inglose,* were witnesses. This I mention to prove that this method and way of

[6] Reg. 1. Eccles. Cath. Norw. fol. 274.

improving lands in this county of *Norfolk*, was then (so many years past) made use of.

Sir *William Rosceline* and *Joan* his wife in the 4th of *Edward* II. settled it on themselves for life; the remainder to *William Marshall*, Baron of *Rye*, and his heirs, by fine; and *John le Marshall*, his son, died lord, whose sister and heir, *Hawise*, brought it by marriage to Sir *Robert Morley*, who was lord in 1330; in this family it remained till *Alianore*, daughter and heir of *Robert* Lord *Morley*, (the last heir male of that family,) being married to *William*, younger son of *William* Lord *Lovell* of *Tichmarsh*, was Baron of *Rye*, and lord of this manor in her right, and died lord in 1475. *Henry* his son dying *s. p. Alice*, his only sister, wife of Sir *William Parker*, inherited it, and was baron of *Rye*, whose descendant, *Edward Parker* Lord *Morley*, Baron of *Rye*, was lord in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, and conveyed it to his 2d son, *Henry Parker* of *Hornby castle* in *Lincolnshire*, Esq. After this it came to the *Calthorps*, and by an inquisition taken in 1687, Sir *Henry Calthorp* of *Ampton* in *Suffolk*, 2d son of Sir *James Calthorp* of *Cockthorp* in *Norfolk*, Knt. died seized of it; he was recorder of *London*, &c. and *James* was his son and heir, who possessed it in 1660, and *James Calthorp*, Esq. his son, in 1698; in the said family it remained in 1742.—This was called *Alby-hall*.

The tenths were 7*l.* 4*s.*—Deducted 2*l.* 4*s.*

The Church was dedicated to St. *Mary*, and appropriated by Bishop *Herbert*, to the priory of *Norwich*, being valued at 16 marks.

On a gravestone in the chancel,

In memory of Margaret, wife of Edmund Bendish, Gent. who died Sept. 26, 1681.

One,

In memory of William Wall, eldest son of Franc. Wall of Aldeby, Gent. he married Sybil, one of the daughters of Robert Davy of Ditchingham, and died June 23, 1685.

Here lyeth the body of John Denny, Gent. buried Feb. 11, 1680, *in the grave of Sydrach Denny, Gent. his father, and Elizabeth his mother, and left John his only son.*

John Baspole, Gent. buried in the church 1580, and *Thomas Baspole* in the south of isle, by his parents, *A°.* 1551. This family had a lease of the priory manor.

The family of *London* lived here, and had a lease of it. *Robert London*, Gent. by *Anne* his wife, daughter of *Henry Pay* of *Earsham*, was father of *Robert London*, Esq. a justice of the peace, who by *Margaret* his wife, daughter of *Nathaniel Knyvet*, of *Denver*, Gent. was father of *Robert London*, who married *Anne*, daughter of ——— *Philpot* of *London*, and died *s. p.*; his 2d son was *Nathaniel*, who married *Catherine*, daughter of *Richard Wythe* of *Brocdish* in *Norfolk*, Gent. by whom he had *Nathaniel*, living in 1698.—Their arms were, *argent*, three cross crosslets in bend, between two cottises, *gules*.

In the church was a chapel dedicated to St. *Furceus*; offerings were made to this saint, and certain tithes belonged to it.

At the survey, we meet with a town, of which *Ralph de Beaufoe* was

lord, called *Thurketeliart*, of which a freeman of *Stigand* was deprived; 2 carucates of land belonged to it, 12 borderers and 3 servi, and 2 carucates in demean, 2 among the tenants, 15 acres of meadow, a mill, &c. 120 sheep, 5 skeps of bees, and a church endowed with 20 acres, valued at 40*d*. 15 freemen belonged also to the lord and were under his protection, with 6 carucates and 6 acres of meadow, valued at 4*l*. before, and the same at the survey.[7]

This considerable village, as it appears to have been at the survey, is now quite destroyed, and, as I take it, the lands being near to *Aldeburgh*, are included therein, and are made part of the priory lands there, in the reign of *Henry* I. as is above observed.

ELLINGHAM.

MANY towns begin with *El*; as *Elford*, *Ellesmere*, *Eling*, *Elston*, *Elwick*, from their site near the water, or a wet soil: *Elwe* is the name of a river in *Wales*. This lordship was part of Archbishop *Stigand's* manor of *Stockton*, and on the conquest was seized on, by the King. At the survey we find *William de Noiers* to be the King's steward of both, and this was valued, and accounted for in *Stockton*; at the same it is said, that there were five socmen also in *Ellingham* who had half a carucate and 15 acres of land, which *William de Noiers* had the care of for the King, belonging formerly to *Stigand*, and a church endowed with 24 acres.[8]

King Stephen granted it with *Stockton*, to *Hugh Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*; and it was held of the Earls of *Norfolk*, by the *Bigods*, a younger family, descended from the Earls: by the heiress of the *Bigots*, it came to *William Garneys*, so to the *Delapoles*, and the Crown, and was held by *Simon Smith*, in the reign of King *Charles* I. of that King, by a feefarm rent, as in *Stockton*.

NEVILL'S MANOR.

The abbot of *Bury's* manors of *Loddon* and *Thwait* extended into this town, and by a fine levied in the 8th of *Richard* I. *Ernold de Charneles*, acknowledged that he held of *Sampson*, abbot of *Bury*, one fee here, in *Norton*, &c. by the payment of 20*s*. scutage, and to *Norwich* castle guard, before the King's justices at *Westminster*, *Hubert* Arch-

[7] Thurketeliart ten. i lib. ho. Stigandi, ii car. tre. sep. iiii vill. et xii bor et iii ser. et ii car. in dnio. tc. ii car. houm m°. 1 xv ac. pti. i mol. sep. i r. m°. viii an. tc. vii por m°. xxxvi tc. cxx ov. m°. cc. v vasa apu. et i eccla. xx ac et val. xl d. et xv lib. hoes falde et comd. xl. ac. sep. vi car. et vi ac. pti. tc. val iiii lib. et m°. similit.

[8] Tre. Stigandi Epi. quas custodit. W. de Noiers in manu Regis—In Elincham, v soc. xv ac. et dim. car. et i eccla xxiiii ac.

bishop of *Canterbury*, *William* Bishop of *Hereford*, *Richard*, archdeacon of *Ely*, Mr. *Thomas de Huseburn*, *Richard de Heriet*, *Simon de Pateshull*, &c

After this the abbot was found to have one fee here, in *Stockton*, &c. held by *Roger de Thweyt*. In the reign of *Henry* VIII. *Thomas Bishop* and *Joan* his wife conveyed to *Richard Spooner*, 3 messuages, 3 gardens, 2 pigeon houses, 160 acres of land, 200 of meadow, 60 of pasture, 3 of wood, 4 of furze, &c. 3 of moor in *Elyngham*, *Stockton*, *Kirkby*, &c.

John Castell, brother and heir of *Roger Castell*, had livery of the manor of *Ellingham-Nevill's* about the 20th of *Elizabeth*, which was purchased of him by *Willing Copping*.—*Richard Hamond* of *Ellingham* was lord in 1602, and *John Hamond*, Gent. died possessed of it in 1632: in 1688, it was sold to *Miles Baspole* of *Aylsham*, by *John Hamond*; and *Miles* conveyed it to Sir *William Hicks* of *Rockholt* in *Essex*.

The tenths were 4*l.* 14*s.* Deducted 14*s.* Temporalities of *Langley* abbey, 10*s.* 5*d.* Of *Bromholm* priory, 11*s.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Mary*, and is a rectory. In the reign of King *Edward* I. *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*, as capital lord, was patron; the rector had then a manse and 40 acres of glebe; it was valued at 20 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence, 22*d.* Carvage 12*d. ob. q.* the present valor is 12*l.*

RECTORS.

In 1320, *Richard de Burghstede* instituted, presented by *Thomas de Brotherton* Earl of *Norfolk*.
1320, *John de Donewich*. *Ditto*.
1335, *Thomas de Donewich*. *Ditto*.
1339, *John de Cobham*, by *Margaret* Countess of *Norfolk*.
1342, *Roger de Esterford*.
1361, *John de Shaftsbury*, junior. *Ditto*.
1386, *Walter de Totyngton*. *Ditto*.
1400, *John Lynes*, by the King, guardian to Lord *Mowbray*.
1403, *Peter Lyng*, by *Elizabeth* Duchess of *Norfolk*.
1422, *John Hull*, by *John* Duke of *Norfolk*.
1435, *William Bolton*, by the King.
1435, *Robert Fetild*. *Ditto*. On the minority of *John* Duke of *Norfolk*.
1452, *Robert Wasselyn*. *Ditto*.
1467, *William Bunche*. *Ditto*.
1474, *William Rodon*, by *Alianore* Dutchess of *Norfolk*.
1476, *John Grenowe*, by *Elizabeth* Dutchess of *Norfolk*.
Mr. *Richard Wattys*, rector.
1492, Mr. *Robert Bright*. *Ditto*.
1502, *William Alanson*. *Ditto*.
1506, *Richard Billington*. *Ditto*.
1524, *Hugh Hasely*, by the Duke of *Norfolk*.
1530, *William Latymer*, by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*.
1532, *Robert Brydkerk*. *Ditto*.

1546, *Robert Fuller*, by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*.
1557, *John Ireland*. *Ditto*.
1575, *William Buck*, by *William Dix*, and *William Cantrell*, as trustees.
1585, *William Laurence*, by *William Dix*.
1591, *Richard Wright*. *Ditto*; in 1603, he returned 106 communicants.
1611, *James Johnson*, by *Richard Wright*, clerk; and after, in the said year, presented by the Earl of *Norfolk*.
1660, *Ralph Wells*, by the King.
1670, *Sam. Crispe*, by *James* Earl of *Suffolk*.
Laurence Cook, rector, resigned in 1728.
William Nicholls, D. D. presented then by the Honourable *Charles Howard*, Esq.
1729, *Robert Folkes*. *Ditto*.
1746, *Richard Chase*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
The Earl of *Suffolk* patron, in 1742.
The present valor is 12*l*. and pays first-fruits, &c.
In the south isle, on a grave-stone,

Orate p. a'ia Johs. Ellyngham, gen. qui obt. 28 *Maij*, 1497.

Against the wall here, on a monument,

Johs. Hamond gen. qui ab anno 3, *ad* 31 *Regine Elizab. in hac villâ pie, honeste et frugaliter vixit* 4 *Calend. Februar. matura senectute decessit, et hic jacet sepultus.*

This *John* purchased *Nevill's* manor of *Copping*.
In a window of the said isle, *gules*, a cross, *argent*, *Ellingham*, impales, *or*, three bars, undee, *sable*, with an *orate* for *William Ellingham*.

GELDESTON.

This town is not mentioned in the book of *Domesday*, being included and accounted for under the great lordship of *Stockton*, of which Archbishop *Stigand* was deprived, and *William de Noiers* was the Conqueror's steward of it at the survey. It remained in the Crown till King *Stephen* granted it to *Hugh Bigod*, on his being created Earl of *Norfolk*. *Roger Bigod* his son, being Earl, enfeoffed Sir *Ralph Bigod*, his brother, of this town, and of *Stockton*, and was lord of both in the 24th of *Henry* III. and dying *s. p.* Sir *John Bigot* was lord in the 15th of *Edward* I. In this family it remained, till *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of Sir *Ralph Bigot*, brought it by marriage, to *William Garneys*, Esq. who died lord in the 8 of *Henry* V. from that family it came to the *De La Poles*, Earls and Dukes of *Norfolk*; after this, by a grant of the Crown, to *Charles Brandon* Duke of *Suffolk*, &c.

In the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, it was again in the Crown, and so continues, as may be seen at large in *Stockton*.

The tenths were 3*l.* 10*s.* Deducted 20*s.* The temporalities of the chamberlain of *Bury* were 5*s.*

The CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to St. *Michael*; in the reign of *Edward* I. valued at 10 marks, *Peter*-pence, 8*d.* carvage 5*d. ob.* and the Earl of *Norfolk* was patron; and the rector had a manse with 30 acres of land.

RECTORS.

In 1307, *Rich. Abel* instituted, presented by Lady *Isabel Bygod.*

1318, *Jeffrey de Settrington*, by Sir *John Bygod.*

1330, Mr. *John Frank*, by Sir *John Bygod*, lord of *Setrington* in *Yorkshire.*

1340 *William de Aldeby*, by Sir *Roger Bygod.*

1342, *William de Rougham. Ditto.*

1349, *John Southgate*, by Sir *John Bygod.*

1368, *John de Weston. Ditto.*

1371, *Thomas Stoner. Ditto.*

1393, *John Barrell*, by Sir *Ralph Bigod*, who also presented in 1400, 1409, and 1416.

In 1418, *William Garneys*, presented, in 1421, and 1427.

Nicholas Lost, occurs rector in 1603, and returned 64 communicants; and the patronage was in the Crown.

John Alding, rector, alias *Pudding.*

Ralph Warde, rector.

1732, *Francis Fayerman*, by the King.

1754, *John Faermann. Ditto.*

In the church was the guild of the Holy Ghost.

The present valor is 6*l.* and is discharged; the patronage is in the Crown.

Sir *Ralph Bygot* was buried in the chancel of St. *Michael's* church, of *Geldeston*, in 1415.

In the east window of the chancel, *Orate pro a'ia Radulphi Garneys, armigeri, quondam dni. de Stockton.*

GILLINGHAM,

CALLED in the grand survey, *Kildincham*, 2 freemen of *Guerd*, King *Harold's* brother, had 30 acres, with half a carucate and an acre of meadow, and on their deprivation it was in the Conqueror's possession, and valued with the manor of *Gorleston* in *Suffolk*. *Stigand* had formerly the soc, and it is here expressed, that every church was valued with the manor, which shows that the presentations were at that time in the lords of the manors.[9]

Another part was, in King *Edward's* reign, possessed by 12 freemen, who had 3 carucates of land, and 9 bordarers; there were also 8 carucates, &c. 12 acres of meadow, &c.; a church endowed with 30 acres of free land; nine of these freemen were under the commenda- of the predecessor of *Ralph de Beaufoe*, in King *Edward's* time, one under that of *Alwin de Thetford*, one, and the moiety of another, under the abbot of *Bury*, and the other moiety under *Stigand*. In the same town, 4 freemen had 15 acres and half a carucate; and *Stigand* had the soc before the conquest: this was added to, and valued with *Stigand's* manor of *Ereham*, and was measured with *Stockton*. *William de Noiers* was the King's steward of it at the survey.

Out of these two fees, arose two lordships, with two churches; one was granted by King *Stephen*, to *Hugh de Bigot*, on his being created Earl of *Norfolk*, and to this belonged the patronage of the church of *All-Saints*; *Roger* Earl of *Norfolk*, dying *s. p.* in the reign of *Edward* I. gave it to that King, and was after granted to *Thomas de Brotherton* Earl of *Norfolk*, and came by marriage to *John* Lord *Segrave*, and to the *Mowbrays* Dukes of *Norfolk*. This was the capital lordship, and had the patronage of the church of *All-Saints*, and was that, which *Stigand*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, was deprived of.

From the *Mowbrays*, it descended to the *Howards* Dukes of *Norfolk*, and being forfeited to the Crown, on the attainder of *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, was granted by King *James* I. to *Henry Howard* Earl of *Northampton*, on *June* 17, *ao.* 1, from whom it came to *Thomas Howard* Earl of *Surry*.

Sir *Nicholas Bacon*, Bart. of *Redgrave*, was lord and patron, and gave it to his sixth son, *Nicholas*, whose descendant, Sir *Edmund Bacon*, Bart. enjoyed it in 1742, as after appears in the following lordship.

[9] Terre Regis.

Kildincham ii libi. ho'es Guerd xxx ac. et dim. car. et i ac. p'ti. hoc. e. in p'tio. de Gorlestuna Stigand soca.—Om's ecclie in p'tio cum manerijs.—T're Stigandi, quas custodit W. de Noiers in manu regis.

In Kildincha' xii libi. ho'es iii car. t're. et ix bord. tnc. viii car. mo. v. xii. ac. p'ti. silva viii por. et i ecclia. xxx ac. lib' tr'e. ex his fuere antecessoris Rad. de Bellafago com'd. T. R. E. et un. Alwi de Ted. et un. et dim. abb. de S'co. Edm. et dimid. Stigandi. In ade' iiii libi. ho'es. xv ac. et dim. car. Stigand. habuit socca. T. R. E. et s't. additi in censu de Etsam. et totu' hoc est in censu de Ersham.

The other lordship, of which *Guerd* was deprived, had the patronage of the church of St. *Mary*, and was in *Geffery de Ponte*, or *Pount*, in the 55th of *Henry* III. but when granted from the Crown, does not appear. In the said year, *Geffrey* granted by fine, to *Roger de Ponte*, for life, the remainder to *Geffery* and his heirs, a messuage, 2 carucates of land, 20 acres of meadow, 50 of wood, 8 of heath, with the advowson of St. *Mary's* church; and in the 3d of *Edward* II. *Alexander*, parson of St. *Mary's* church, settled it, in trust, on *Geffrey*, son of *Roger de Pount* of *Gillingham*, and *Robert* his son.

In 1320, *Bartholomew Bateman* presented to the church, as guardian of *Christiana*, daughter and heir of *William de Horford*; and in 1344, Sir *Bartholomew Bateman* presented in his own right, as lord; and in the 35th of *Edward* III. *Ralph Gerberge*, son of Sir *Edward Gerberge*, released to Sir *Laurence de Bremle* and his heirs, all his right in the moieties of *Martham* and *Gillingham*, with lands in *Winston*, *Windele*, &c.

Thomas Bateman, Esq. (a descendant of *Bartholomew*) of *South Elmham*, in the parish of St. *Mary* of *Flixton* in *Suffolk*, by his will, dated *April* 8, 1485, was buried in *Flixton* church, by *Elizabeth* his wife; gives legacies to *William* and *Richard*, his sons, and to *Elizabeth* and *Olive*, his daughters; to *Robert*, his son and heir, his manors of *Newhall* and *Sandcroft*, with the advowson of *Sandcroft*, St. *George's* church, and the manor of *Gelingham*; and orders a tomb of freestone to be put over him.[1]

In the 28th of *Henry* VIII. *Thomas Bateman* passed it by fine, with the advowson, to *John Everard*. *William Everard*, Gent. in the first of Queen *Elizabeth*, was found to die seised of it, held of the Queen's manor of *Stockton*; and *Edward* was his son and heir. In the manor-house were the arms of *Everard*; *gules*, a fess, undée, between three estoils, *argent*, impaling *Heveningham*; also impaling *Appleyard*; and *or*, three chevronels ingrailed, *gules*, *Chauncey* of *Edgecote* in *Northamptonshire*. Sir *Clement Higham*, and after him, *Michael Hare*, Esq. held it, *ao.* 44 of *Elizabeth*.

After this it was in the *Bacons*, and Sir *Nicholas Bacon*, Bart. was lord in the 9th of King *James* I. of *Redgrave* in *Suffolk*, premier Baronet of *England*, and eldest son of Sir *Nicholas Bacon*, lord keeper of the great seal; this Sir *Nicholas*, the Baronet, married *Anne*, daughter and heir of *Edmund Butts*, Esq. by whom he had several sons, &c.; to *Nicholas*, his sixth son, he gave this lordship, who married first *Anne*, daughter and heir of Sir *James Weston*, baron of the Exchequer, by whom he had a daughter, *Anne*, married to *John Rous*, Esq. of *Honham* in *Suffolk*; by his 2d wife *Mary*, daughter of *Eustace Darcy*, Esq. he had *Nicholas*, his son and heir created a baronet, *February* 7, 1661; by *Mary* his wife, daughter and heir of *Richard Freeston* of *Mendham*, Esq. in *Suffolk*, he left Sir *Edmund*, his eldest son, who died *s. p.* in 1684, and was succeeded by his brother Sir *Richard*, who married *Anne*, daughter of Sir *Henry Bacon*, Bart. son of Sir *Butts Bacon*, Bart. of *Mildenhall* in *Suffolk*, and dying *s. p.* in 1685, gave his estate to Sir *Henry Bacon*, Bart. of *Herringfleet*, his wife's brother. This Sir *Henry*, by ———, daughter of Sir *John Castleton*, Bart. of *Sturston*, in *Suffolk*, was father of Sir *Edmund Bacon*, Bart.

[1] Reg. Hubert. fol. 79.

Sir *Edmund Bacon*, Bart. died *October* 2d, 1738, and left his only son, Sir *Edmund Bacon*, Bart. who was lord and patron in 1742.

In this town were 2 churches. *All-Saints* was a rectory containing two isles, and a chancel thatched, with a square tower and three bells in the chancel was a grave-stone,

In memory of John Frebrygge, rector, who died 15xviii.

Also one,

In remembrance of Margery Smith, eldest daughter of Nicholas Garneys of Redsham-Hall in Suffolk, Esq. 2d wife of Thomas Smith of Winston-Hall in Norfolk, Esq. who died in 1656.

In the churchyard, by the south wall of the chancel, is an altar tomb, and against the wall, on a monument,

Thomas Smith of Winston, Esq; in his humility appointed this place for his burial, died June 6, 1639, and these arms, quarterly, in the first and fourth, barry, wavy of eight, *argent* and *azure*, on a chief *gules*, three barnacles, *or*, *Smith*;—in the 2d and 3d, *argent*, a chevron between three phæons, *sable*, on a chief of the 2d, a greyhound, currant, of the first, *Roberts*. *Robert Towre*, buried here in 1530, orders by will, a substantial window to be built of stone, with glass, by his executors.[a]

In the reign of *Edward* I. the Earl of *Norfolk* was patron; the rector had 34 acres, but no manse, and it was valued at 9 marks. *Peterpence* 12*d*. carvage 3*d*. *ob*.

RECTORS.

In 1301, *John* of *Royses Cross* was instituted, presented by *Roger Bigod* Earl of *Norfolk*.

1302, *Barth. Cook*. *Ditto*.

1311, *Walter de Maydenstone*, by *Alice de Hannonia* Countess of *Norfolk*.

1314, *Giles de Mount*. *Ditto*.

1316, *John de Bynch*. *Ditto*.

1326, *John Reignaud*, by *Thomas de Brotherton* Earl of *Norfolk*.

1333, *Robert de Petra*. *Ditto*.

1334, *Robert Dagget*. *Ditto*.

1341, *Thomas de Thurleston*, by Sir *John de Segrave*.

1342, *Simon de Kirkby*. *Ditto*.

John de Tiveteshale, rector.

1352, *Robert de Twyford*, by *John* Lord *Segrave*.

1352, *John Suwet*. *Ditto*.

1353, *Henry de Burgh*. *Ditto*.

In 1440, *John Salmon*, by the King, on the minority of *Thomas*, son of *Thomas Mowbray* Duke of *Norfolk*.

In 1440, *Thomas Wright* occurs rector.

In 1502, *Thomas Goffe*, nominated by the Bishop, presented by the King. *William Freebrygg* died rector in 1518.

1548, *John Cock* occurs rector.

[a] Reg. Alpe, f. 7.

Amos Stalworthy was rector in 1603, and returned 70 communicants; and the feoffees of the late Duke of *Norfolk* were patrons.

John Rose, rector about 1610, and the Earl of *Northampton* patron; the patronage was granted about *June* 17, *ao.* 1st of King *James*, to the Earl of *Northampton*, &c. late *Thomas Howard's* Duke of *Norfolk*, attainted.

Sir *Charles Castleton*, Bart. died rector in 1745, and *Robert Athow* succeeded, *hac vice*, by *Christopher Athow*, Gent.

1760, *Edward Holden*, to *Winston* and *Windale*, by Dame *Susan Bacon*.

The present valor is, together with *Winstan* and *Windale*, 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is discharged; the church was demolished in 1748.

The church of St. *Mary* is a rectory valued, in *Edward* the First's reign, at 8 marks; the rector had 40 acres of land, but no manse; *Peter*-pence, 8*d. ob.* Carvage 3*d. ob.* and *Jeffery de Ponte* was patron.

In 1320, *Brian de Orford* was instituted, presented by *Bartholomew Bateman*, on the minority of *Christiana*, daughter and heir of *William de Orford*.

1344, *Henry Lambekyn*, by Sir *Bartholomew Bateman*.

1349, *Hugh Attemyll*, by *Petronella*, late wife of Sir *Bartholomew Bateman*.

1361, *William Amory*, by *John Berney*.

1361, *Richard de Grymeby*, by *Simon de Rickinghale*.

In 1603, *Nicholas Lost* was rector, and returned 42 communicants; and *Arthur Everard*, Gent. was patron.

John Rose, rector.

John Quash, died rector in 1662.

Sir *Charles Castleton*, Bart. died rector in 1745.

And Mr. *Athow* died rector in 1760, and Mr. *Holden* succeeded,

The present valor is 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is discharged. In 1742, Sir *Edmund Bacon*, Bart. was patron.

The CHURCH is a very antique building, a single pile, without any isles; at the west end, is the font; as you proceed is a four-square tower; then the body of the church, with the chancel, about the same breadth with the church, and ends in a semicircle; in the tower are three bells; the west end is tiled, and the rest covered with thatch.

As you enter the chancel, is a gravestone with a brass plate,

In memory of John Everard. Esq. who died October, 1553, *and of Dorothy his wife, daughter of John Chauncey, of Chauncey Tower, in the town of Northampton, Esq.*

Against the south wall of the chancel, is a mural monument of marble alabaster:

Nicholaus Bacon, baronettus, prosapiâ illustris, ingenio inclytus, literis ornatus famâ clarescens, corpore vieto, animo vegeto, præmaturè senuit et sapuit. Post XLII *annos et mensis* IX, *quos vixerat prout virum nobilem, philosophum, Christianum decuit. Tandem fato cedens, quod habuit terrenum, terræ reddidit igne recoctum diei novissimi, denuo resumpturus, cælitus quod erat et patri et patriæ spirituum rediit; ecce cur marmor tanti nominis fastu gravidum tumescit, tanti viri fato frigidum*

nigrescit, tanti ingenii lævore politum splendescit. Vale lector et vivas, honore parili, obijt, M. DC. LXVI. *Augi.* iii.

On the monument are the arms of *Bacon* and *Quaplode*, quarterly; *Bacon, gules*, on a chief, *argent*, two mullets, *sable*, with an annulet for difference; *Quaplode*, barry of six, *or* and *azure*, a bend over all; also *Bacon* impaling, *azure*, on a fess, *or*, three leopards faces, *gules*, *Freeston*.

The tenths were 3*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.* Deducted 14*s.*

Gill is an old *British* word, and signifies a rivulet; thus *Gilling*, a town and hundred in *Yorkshire*; *Gilcross* hundred in *Norfolk*; *Gilden* in *Cambridgeshire*; *Guilford* in *Surry*, &c.

HADESCOE,

At the survey was a beruite to the manor of *Tofts*, in this hundred, and *William de Noiers* was steward of it for the Conqueror, who had deprived *Stigand*, the Archbishop, who held it as a lay fee in the reign of the Confessor, containing, then, 220 acres of land, with 7 villains and 4 bordarers, 2 carucates in demean: there was also a carucate, &c. 100 sheep, with 4 soc men, and 80 acres, 3 carucates of meadow. It was valued together with *Tofts*, in *Stigand's* time, at 10*l.* *per ann.* at the survey paid 24*l.* quitrent, in length they were 1 leuca, 2 furlongs and 10 perches, in breadth 1 leuca, and the gelt was 10*d.* 3*q.*[3]

This lordship was afterwards granted from the Crown to *Robert de Bellomont* Earl of *Mellent* in *Normandy*, and Earl of *Leicester* in *England*, and given by him in the reign of *Henry* First, to the *Benedictine* abbey *De Pratellis*, (*De Preaux*,) in *Normandy*, founded by his ancestors.

In the 14 of *Edward* I. the said abbey claimed the assise, a gallows, and many other liberties, as a member of the manor of *Tofts*, as enjoyed by the Earl *Robert*, and granted to the abbey of St. *Peter* and St. *Paul, de Preaux*; and the abbot was found to hold two knights fees here, and in *Tofts*. In the parliament at *Leicester, ao.* 2, *Henry* V. this lordship with that of *Tofts*, (belonging to *Preaux*,) came to the Crown, on the dissolution of the alien priories. Their temporalities in this town, were valued at 74*s.* 1*d.*

King *Henry* VI. on *February* 14, *ao.* 19, granted it to the college of St. *Mary* and St. *Nicholas* in *Cambridge*, (now King's-college,)

[3] Terre Stigandi Epi. quas custodit. W. de Noiers in manu Regis.
Hadescou i beruita. (Toft) ccxx ac. t're semp. vii villi. et iiii bord. et tnc. ii car. in d'nio. p. et mo. i. tc. i car. mo. dim. et c. ov. et iiii soc. lxxx ac. tnc. iii car. p. et mo. ii. et iiii ac. p'ti. tnc. val. x lib. mo. xxiiii. blancas, et ht. i leug. in long. et ii qr. et 10 perc. et i leug. in lat. et x*d.* et iii ferd. de gelt.

founded by him; and the said society possesses it, at this time, with the patronage of the church.

Robert, son of *Corbun*, had by the grant of King *William*, 30 acres of land, with 3 bordarers, and a carucate and 4 acres of meadow, of which *Gifard*, a socman of *Stigand*, was deprived, who had under him 2 socmen with 4 acres and half a carucate, then valued at 5*s*. at the survey at eleven.[4]

On the death of *Robert*, son of *Corbun*, this came to the Crown as an eschaet, and was granted by King *William* II. to *William de Albini*, his butler, ancestor of the Earls of *Arundel*; and on the death of *Hugh*, the last Earl of this family, this part of his inheritance came by a sister and coheir, in the reign of *Henry* III. to Sir *Robert de Tateshale*; and *Robert* Lord *Tateshale* held the 6th part of a fee, here, in the 31 of *Edward* I. from them it came to the *Caleys* and the *Cliftons*; Sir *Adam de Clifton* was lord in the time of *Edward* III. and in the 19 of *Richard* II. the prior of St. *Olaves* held it of Sir *Constantine de Clifton*, also in the 3d of *Henry* IV.

Roger Bigot, ancestor to the Earls of *Norfolk*, had a grant of 120 acres of land, one borderer, and 2 carucates, pasture for 80 sheep, and 9 acres of meadow, of which 9 freemen of *Stigand* were deprived; valued at 15*s*. it was one leuca long, and 8 furlongs broad; paid 9*d*. farthing gelt; and *Robert* held it under *Roger*. A socman of *Edric de Laxfield* had 30 acres, 3 borderers, a carucate and a half, and 6 acres of meadow; there were also under him 4 freemen with 19 acres, valued at 10*s*. at the survey, at 13*s*. 4*d*.; here was pasture for 50 sheep. This socman put himself under the protection of *Alwin de Tedford*, in the time of the Conqueror, and was in possession of it when that King gave it to *Roger Bigot*.

A freeman had in this town, one acre and an half, with one borderer, valued at 5*d*. *Roger* had a grant of this, and *Robert* held it at the survey under him, that is *Robert de Vaux*

Here also a freeman of King *Edward* had 40 acres, 6 bordarers, pasture for 40 sheep, with half a carucate of meadow; *Alwi* held it in commendation of the King, and was in possession of it (before *Roger*) when King *William* came; this was granted to *Bigot*, and *Turold* held it under him at the survey; valued at 10*s*. and *Stigand* had formerly the soc.[5]

All these tenures were inherited by the descendants of this *Roger*, and by the grant of *Roger* Earl of *Norfolk*, who died *s. p.* came to King *Edward* I. and so to *Thomas de Brotherton*, his son, Earl of

[4] T're Robi. filij Corbutionis.—In Hadescou ten. ide, (Gifart) i soc. Stigandi xxx ac. et iii bor. et tc. i car. et iii ac. p'ti. et sub isto fi soc. iiii ac. et dim. car. tc. val. v sol. mo. xi.

[5] Terra Rogeri Bigoti—Hatescou, ix libi. ho'es. Stigandi cxx acr. et i bord. scp. ii car. pastura lxxx ovs. ix ac. p'ti. et val. xv. sol. et ht. i leug. in long. viii quar. in lat. et ix d. et i ferd. de g. Rob. ten.

In Hadescou, unus socchemannus Edrici de Laxefelda xxx acr. et iii. bordars. et una carucata et dimid. vi ac. p'ti, et iiii lib'os. ho'es sub illo xix acr. tc. val. x solidos. mo. xiii. et iiii*d*. ibi. e. etiam pastura ad l. oves. hic sochem. com'davit se Aluuino tempore Willi. Regis, et erat inde seisit. quando rex dedit t'ram Rog. Bigoti.—In Hatescou, ten. i lib ho'. i ac. et dim et i bord. et val. iii*d*. hunc tenet Robs. de Rogero.—Hatescou, i lib. ho'. regis e. que, p'qu. Wills. venit Alwi'ns suus antec. habuit com'd, et ht. xl ac. mo. tenet Turold'. et vi bor. pastura xl. ov. tc. dim. car. mo. i. et vi ac. pti. tc. val. x. sol. et mo. simil. Stigand. soca

Norfolk; then to the Lord *Segrave*, and the *Mowbrays;* and from them to the *Howards* Dukes of *Norfolk*.

Ralph Lord *Bainard* had by an exchange 15 acres and half a carucate, and an acre of meadow, of which a freeman of *Stigand* was deprived; valued at 2*s*, and the soc was in *Stigand*.[6] This seems to have been held with *Buynard's* manor of *Whetacre*.

Here was a preceptory of Knights Templars, to which King *Henry* III. was a considerable benefactor: and in the 52 of that King, *Thomas Rosceline* conveyed by fine, to friar *Roger Fitz-John*, master of the Templars in *England*, 15 acres of land. In 14th *Edward* I. the master of the Templars claimed view of frank pledge, the assise, &c. of his tenants, as King *Henry* III. had granted to them. In the said year, the preceptor set up crosses on the houses here and in *Siveland*, belonging to him; and their temporalitis were valued at 16*s*.

In the 20 of *Edward* II. *Thomas de St. Omer*, late sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, gave an account of the late lands of the Templars, till he delivered them to *Henry de Segrave*, who succeeded him.

The tenths were 3*l*. 14*s*. deducted 14*s*.

The temporalities of the priory of St. *Olaves* were 3*s*. *ob*.—of *Norwich*, 18*d*. *Hatfield*, *Hathorp*, *Hatherly Hatton*, so called from some water or river; the *Hat* or *Hud*, *Hadley* in *Essex*, *Haddon* in *Derbyshire*, and *Haddenham* in *Cambridgeshire;* whence the name of this town.

The Church is a rectory dedicated to St. *Mary*, and is covered, as the chancel is with lead; has a round tower with 5 bells. In the chancel, on a murial monument

Carolus Ashby ecclesiæ hujus rector, memoriæ Elizabethæ filiæ Samuelis Harvy de Wange in com. Essex, generosi, conjugis castissimæ monumentum hoc amoris ergo dedicat, obiit Apr. 19, 1671, *ætat. suæ* 28.

In the middle isle a graveston,

For John Buckenham, gent. who died September 16, 1712, *ætat.* 77.

Also,

For Thomas London, gent. who died in 1666.

In the reign of *Edward* I. the rector had a manse with 20 acres of glebe, valued at 18 marks. *Peter*-pence, 18*d*. carvage, 4*d*. *ob*. and the abbot of *Preaux* was patron; the present valor is 12*l*.

RECTORS.

Thomas de Fauconer occurs rector in 22 of *Edward* I.

1318, *Ralph Morel* instituted, presented by *R. Morel*, monk and proctor of the abbot, &c.

1318, *John de Warmington*. *Ditto*.

1327, *William de Warmyngton*, by *Roger de Grestin*, proctor of the abbot, &c.

[6] Tre. Rad. Bainardi.—In Hadescou, car. et i. ac. pti. et val. ii. sol. hoc. e. p. i. lib. ho. Stigandi. xv. ac. sep. dim. escang. Stigandi. socs.

1329, *Peter Mallet. Ditto.*
1334, Mr. *Hen. de Huningham. Ditto.*
1349, *John Roger* by the King, the temporalities of the abbey being in him.
1383, *John Atte-Hall. Ditto.*
1385, *Broughton. Ditto.*
1391, *Hugh Clyfford,* by Sir *Lewis de Clifford,* who then farmed the manor of the King.
1401, *William Pollard. Ditto.*
1402, *Thomas Bucke,* by Sir *Thomas Erpingham,* who farmed the manor.
1429, *Ralph Kemp,* on the resignation of *Bucke.*
Thomas Saxham, rector.
1463, Mr. *Robert Ypperwell,* LL. B. by the King.
1485, *William Haselbeche.*
1505, Mr. *Thomas Scalon,* A. M. by the provost, &c. of King's College, *Cambridge.*
William Billesby, rector.
1550, *Jeffrey Emerson,* A. M. *ditto.*
1554, *Thomas Pannot. Ditto,*
1562, *Nicholas Davy,* rector.
1592, *Philip Aunsham,* by the Queen, a lapse; in 1603 he returned 80 communicants.
1617, *Thomas Langley,* S. T. B. by the provost, &c.
1639, *Richard Peters. Ditto.*
John Collins, rector.
1662, *Charles Ashby. Ditto;* he died in 1699.
1739, *Benjamin Skipman,* on *James Clark's* death, by King college, *Cambridge.*
1751, *John Lodington,* rector, by King's college, *Cambridge.*
In the church was the chapel of St. *John.*
In this town the family of *Bayspool* lived; *John Bayspool,* Gent. in 1634, and captain *Thomas Bayspool,* in 1682.

HALES, OR LODDEN-HALES,

BIGOT'S MANOR.

By some accounted to be in *Loddon*-hundred. There were at the survey several lordships in this town: *Roger Bigot,* ancestor to the Earls of *Nofolk,* had a grant of one, which *Alestan* (a thane of King *Harold*) was deprived of; to this there belonged one carucate of land, and 40 acres with 9 bordarers, and 2 carucates in demean, one among the tenants, and 5 acres of meadow, paunage for 3 swine, one runcus, one cow, &c. and 10 sheep. There were also 13 freemen belonging

to the lord's fold, and under his commendation with 40 acres of land, valued at 20s. but at the survey at 40s. this *Alestan* put himself under the commendation of *Alwin de Tedford*, in the reign of King *William*, and was seised of it at the time when the Conqueror gave it to *Roger Bigot*. But the hundred never saw any writ or livery, whereby it was granted to *Alwin*. All *Hales* was fifteen furlongs long, and 12 perches and six furlongs broad; and pays 8*d*. gelt.[7]

This lordship extended into *Loddon*, and was held by the *Bigots* Earls of *Norfolk*, and by the grant of *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*, who died *s. p.* it came to King *Edward* I. and was given by King *Edward* II. to his brother, *Thomas de Brotherton* Earl of *Norfolk*, and so came to the Lord *Segrave*, the *Mowbrays*, and the *Howards* Dukes of *Norfolk*.

On the attainder of *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, it was in the Crown, and King *James* I. on *June* 17, *ao.* 1, bestowed it on *Thomas* Lord *Howard*, of *Walden*, and *Henry Howard*, afterwards Earl of *Northampton*, from whom it passed to *Thomas Howard* Earl of *Surry*, who in the 21 of the said King, *April* 1, had license to alien it to *Anthony Hobart*, Esq. and his heirs; *Anthony* conveyed it in the same year to *James Hobart*, his son and heir, who, by deed, dated *Sep.* 12, *ao.* 12 of *Charles* I. sold it to *Henry Humberston* Esq. son of *William Humberston*, of *Loddon* by *Joan*, his wife, daughter of *John Smith*, of *Lanham* in *Suffolk*, which *William* was son of *John Humberston* of *Loddon*.

Henry had 2 wives: by *Mary*, daughter of *Henry Yaxley* of *Beauthorp*, Esq. his 2d wife, he had no issue; by his first wife *Anne*, daughter of *Giles Bladwell*, Esq. of *Thorlow Magna*, in *Suffolk*, was father of *William Humberstone*, Esq. who married *Mildred*, daughter of *Charles Walgrave* of *Stanninghall* in *Norfolk*, Esq. who conveyed this manor to *Francis Gardiner*, Esq. mayor of *Norwich* in 1685, (son of *Francis Gardiner* D. D. vicar of *Kendal*,) and burgess in parliament for that city, in 1695. *Stephen Gardiner*, Esq. his son, was recorder of *Norwich*, and died in 1727. *Gardiner*, bore, *gules* a chevron, between three griffins heads erased, *or*.

Ralph Lord *Baynard* was rewarded with a lordship, of which *Toke*, a freeman (of *Stigand*, the Archbishop of *Canterbury*) of *French* extraction, was deprived; consisting of 30 acres of land, 3 villains, with a carucate and 8 acres of meadow, &c. and 60 sheep; there were 12 freemen under his protection, and of his fold who held 41 acres of land, with a carucate and a half, and 8 acres of meadow: there were also 2 freemen under his protection only, with 18 acres, of land and half a carucate, also one freeman with 30 acres one, borderer and one carucate, and one acre of meadow; the whole valued at 17*s*. but at the survey at 30*s*.[8]

[7] Terra Rogeri Bigoti—Hals, ten. Alestan tein. Heroldi T. R. E. i. car. tre. et xl. ac. semp. viiii. bord. et ii. car. in dnio. et i. car. hom. et v. ac. pti. silv. iii, porc. tc. j. r. mo. ii. tc. i. an. mo. ii. tc. xiiii. porc. mo. xxvi. tc. x. ov. et xiii. libi. ho'es soca falde. et comd. xl. ac. tre. tc. val. xx. sol. mo. xl. Hic Alestan. et comd'davit se Alwino de Tedford, te'pe regis Willi. et ex hoc erat seisit. quo. Rex Wills. dedit Rogo t'am illius s; hundr. in. vidit breve vel liberatorem qd. daret Aluino. totu. Hals ht, xv. q'rantenas et xii. percas et vi. quarentenas in lato et reddit octo denarios de gelto.

[8] Tere. Rad. Bainardi—In Hals, i. lib. ho. Stigandi Toke, francigin. xxx. ac. tre. tc. iii. vill. mo. ii. sep. i. car. et iii. ac. pti. mo. xii. por. et lx. ov

A family who took their name from this town, was early enfeoffed of it, and held it under the Lord *Baynard*. *Roger de Hales* and *William*, his son, were living in the reign of *Henry* II.—*Walter de Hales*, in the time of King *John*; and Sir *Roger*, son of *Walter*, in the 34 of *Henry* III. *John*, son of Sir *Roger*, in the 22 of *Edward* I. which Sir *Roger*, by deed, *sans* date, confirmed the exchange of lands (between 2 persons) that were held of his fee in *Hales*; which shows that it was the custom for lords of manors to confirm the purchases, before the statute of *Quia Emptores*, &c. and sealed with barry of 12, *azure* and *or*, on a canton, *gules*, a lion passant. Sir *John de Hales* was living, *ao.* 20 *Edward* III. and by *Catherine*, (after married to *Roger de Wellesham*,) was father of *John de Hales*, who died *s. p. ao.* 43 *Edward* III. and held this lordship of the barony of *Fitz-Walter*.

In the 17 of *Richard* II. *William*, son of *Edmund de Redesham* of *Kirkby Caam*, conveyed by fine, to Sir *Robert de Willoughby*, Sir *Miles Stapleton*, *John*, son of Sir *John de Norwich*, &c. the manor of *Hales-Hall* in *Loddon*, one messuage, 4 carucates of land, 24 acres of meadow, 2 of wood, 20 of marsh, and 100s. rent, in *Hales*, *Loddon*, *Kirkeby*, with the advowson of *Hales-Hall* chapel, purchased by *John de Norwich* in reversion; Sir *George Felbrigg* of *Tottington*, holding two parts of the manor and lands, in right (as I take it) of the widow of *Edmund de Reedisham*, then his wife, and *Joan*, widow of *John de Hales*, holding a 3d part in dower.[9]

Sir *Simon Felbrigg*, in the 12th of *Henry* IV. recovered the manor of *Hales-Hall* by writ of *Novel Disseisin*, against *John Hotot*, and held his first court on *Tuesday* next after the assumption of the blessed Virgin, and it was after settled on his two feoffees, Sir *John Howard*, and Sir *John de Ingaldesthorp*, &c.

In the 19th of *Henry* VI. *Nicholas Waleys* and *John Pewk*, were querents in a fine, and *Henry Walpole*, and *Margaret* his wife, deforciants of 10*l.* rent, *per ann.* in *Loddon-Hales* manor, conveyed to *Pewk*; and in the 30th of that King, *Hugh Croke*, vicar of *Hale*, was a trustee of *Thomas Cleymonds*, Esq. deceased, late lord.

After this, it was possessed by Sir *James Hobart*, attorney-general, and of the privy council to King *Henry* VII. of whom, and his ancestors, see in *Plumstede Parva*, in *Blofield* hundred. His benefactions and good works, testify his charity and generosity; he resided in his manor-house here, which he built for the most part, (and died here,) with the elegant parish church of the Holy *Trinity*, at *Loddon*; also a fair bridge over the *Waveney* river, between *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, called St. *Olaves*, or *Tooley's* bridge, with a good causeway to it;[1] contributed to the rebuilding of the council chamber in the *Guild-Hall* of the city of *Norwich*, and to the noble arched stone roof of the cathedral church of *Norwich*. Sir *Walter Hobart* was his son and heir, and lord of this manor; sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, *ao.* 1, *Henry* VIII. in the 20 of that King, he settled this lordship, with that of *Chatgrave*, *Lille-*

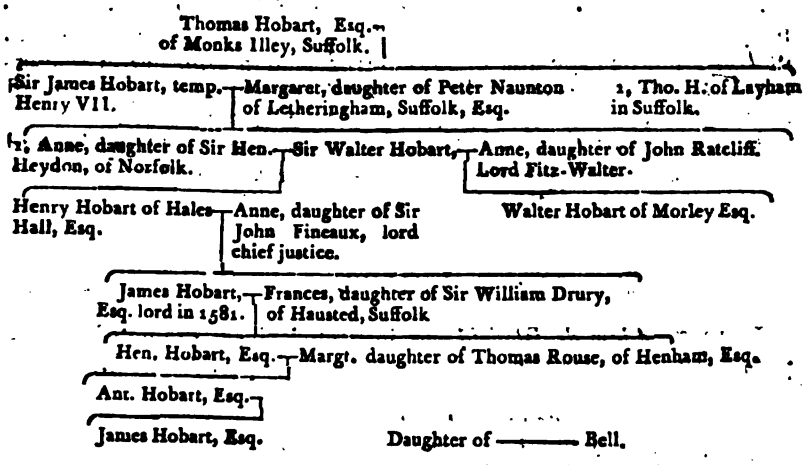
et xii. libi. hoes sub se soca falde. et comd et mo. st. x. et ht. xli ac. tre. sep. i. car. et dim. et iii. ac. pti. et ii. libi. hoes comd. tantu. xviii. ac. tre. et dim. et dim. car. tc. i. lib. ho. comd. tantu. xxi. ac. tre. et i. bor. et i. car. et i ac. pti. totu, val. tc. et p. xvii. sol. mo. xxx. sol.

[9] Avice, first wife of Sir George, and relict of Edmund de Redesham, was daughter and heir of Sir Roger de Hales.

[1] Here was formerly a ferry over the river, in the King's gift, granted to Sir George Felbrigg for life, *ao.* 1 Henry IV. and the reversion to Ralph Ramsey.

ford's, Tilney in *Norfolk*, and others in *Suffolk*, as may be seen in *Chatgrave, Loddon* hundred, on *Walter Hobart*, Esq. his son and heir. A pedigree of the eldest branch of the family I have here annexed.

HOBART'S PEDIGREE.



James Hobart, Esq. sold it in the 12 of *Charles* I. to *Henry Humberstone*, Esq. (as is mentioned in *Bigot's* manor above,) whose son *William*, is said to have conveyed part of it to *Francis Gardiner*, Esq. and part to the Lady *Dionysia Williamson*, relict of Sir *Thomas Williamson*, Baronet, of *Markham Magna* in *Nottinghamshire*, daughter and heir of *William Hales*, Esq. son of *Richard Hales*, Esq. who was lady of this manor of *Hales-Hall*, in 1666, and resided here; she gave 4000*l.* to the rebuilding the church of St. *Dunstan* in the East, of *London*; to the rebuilding of St. *Paul's* cathedral, 2001*l.* and was a benefactress to the rebuilding of the church of St. *Mary Le Bow*, in *London*, giving 2000*l.* and at her death, left *Hales-Hall* to *John Hoskins*, Esq. her nephew, (who was lord in 1687,) with the impropriated rectory of *Loddon*.

The abbot of St. *Edmund* of *Bury*, had a lordship which *Frodo* held of them at the survey; 9 men, 2 of them were socmen, and 7 more, belonged to the abbot's lordship, and were under his protection only, held 64 acres in King *Edward's* reign, when there were 2 borderers and 5 freemen, with 6 acres; this was valued with *Loddon*.[2]

Frodo, also, held of the abbot one acre, of which 2 freemen were deprived; valued at 4*d*.[3] Of this *Frodo*, &c. see in *Loddon*, which manor extended also into this town.

Godric, the King's steward, held one acre and a half, out of which a freeman was ejected: this was granted to *Godric* on the forfeiture of *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk*, who had a moiety (as lord) of this freeman.[4]

[2] Terra Abbatis de S'cto Edmundo—Hals, tenuer. ix ho'es de lxiiii ac. ii erant soc. et vii soca. et com'd. tantu' sep. ii bor. et v libi. ho'es vi ac. hoc est in p'tio de Lodnes, et Frodo tenet de abb'e.

[3] In Hals, ii. libi. ho'es i ac. val. iiii*d*, hoc tenet ide' Frodo.

[4] Terre Godrici Dapiferi.—In Hals dim lib. ho. i. ac. et dim. et val. iiii*d*.

The tenths were 2*l.* 10*s.* Deducted 10*s.* Temporalities of St. *Olaves* 8*d.* and of *Langley* abbey 24*s.*

The CHURCH of *Hales* was a rectory, but granted in the 4th of *Henry* I. by *Ralph de Chedgrave*, and *Emma* his wife, to *William*, prior of St. *Olaves*, probably founder of that priory; and a vicar was appointed on its appropriation to that convent. It was dedicated to St. *Margaret*, and it appears by the register of *Langley* abbey, that the prior and convent of St. *Olaves* at *Heringflete* in *Suffolk* were rectors of *Hale*, and had the tithe of 235 acres of land in *Hale* parish belonging to *Langley* abbey, in exchange for 235 acres of land in *Loddon* and *Heckingham*, belonging to the priory of St. *Olaves*.[5]

In the reign of *Edward* I. the rectory was valued at 11 marks, and the vicarage at 40*s.* The vicar had then a manse with 30 acres of land. *Peter*-pence 18*d.* Carvage 12*d. ob.*

VICARS.

In 1317, *Adam de Blofield* was instituted vicar, presented by the prior of St. *Olaves*, and nominated by the Bishop of *Norwich*.

1326, *John de Carlethorp.* *Ditto.*
1333, *Roger de Petengraunt.* *Ditto.*
1337, *Adam de Bergh.* *Ditto.*
1349, *John Le Neve.* *Ditto.*
1366, *William Warren.* *Ditto.*
1366, *John Stalworth.* *Ditto.*
1377, *Peter de Wynch.* *Ditto.*
1382, *Roger Calf.* *Ditto.*
1382, *John Wandeford.* *Ditto.*
1391, *Simon Bangot.* *Ditto.*
1391, *John Bradock.* *Ditto.*
1395, *John Smith.* *Ditto.*
1397, *Henry Welden.* *Ditto.*
1397, *Thomas Coyte.* *Ditto.*
1398, *Richard Bytering.* *Ditto.*
1403, *Richard Bangoot.* *Ditto.*
1403, *John Ousnell.* *Ditto.*
1404, *Walter Jakes.* *Ditto.*
1413, *William Norwich.* *Ditto.*
1417, *Thomas Smith.* *Ditto.*

In 1458, *Hugh Croke* occurs vicar.

In 1503, I find it served by a stipendiary curate, for 5*l. per ann.* and he then returned 45 communicants, *John Hill* being the impropriator; and in 1742, the heirs of Mr. *Peter Lawes*.

Here was also a chapel at *Hales-Hall*, belonging to the manor of the family of *De Hales*, dedicated to St. *Andrew:* this, with the hall, stood in the parish of *Loddon*, and in 1287, it is said to stand in the manor of *Wrantishagh*, belonging to Sir *Roger de Hales*, in *Loddon* parish, and leave was then granted to him, that he might institute the chaplains of it, by the concession and grant of the abbot of *Langley*,

[5] Reg. Langley, fol. 145.

rectors of the church of *Loddon*, and of *John de Feryby*, official to *William*, Bishop of *Norwich*, the said Sir *Roger* and his heirs granting to the chaplains all the obventions and oblations, with the small tithes of his court, and that the servant, of him and his heirs having their habitations in the parish of *Loddon*, shall pay to the mother church of *Loddon*, the oblations accustomed, and shall receive the sacraments there.[6] And the chaplains administering in the said chapel, were to pay yearly to the said mother church, in acknowledgment of subjection, all the oblations and obventions given on *Easter*-day, and St. *Andrew's* day, and two wax candles of a pound of wax, on *Trinity Sunday*, and to give security to the vicars of *Loddon*, for the time being, that they should not say any anniversaries, trentals, or any masses for any parishioners of *Loddon*.

In 1331, Sir *John de Hales* was patron, and in 1349; and *John*, son and heir of Sir *John*, in 1361.

Alexander de Hales, styled *Doctor Irrefragabilis*, who died in 1245, was born here. *Hales*, *Halesworth*, *Halestead*, *Alesham* and *Aylesford*, so called, as near to some river or water.

HECKINGHAM.

GODRIC, the Conqueror's steward, had the grant of the principal lordship in this town, held by *Hagan*, under *Stigand*, the Archbishop, in the reign of the Confessor, with 4 carucates of land, 6 villains, 6 borderers, and one servus; there was also one carucate in demean, &c. and 2 carucates of the tenants, &c. 10 acres of meadow, &c. a mill, a marsh, 60 sheep, &c. 4 cows, &c. with a church, endowed with 8 acres. *Roger Bigot* claimed 30 acres of land out of this lordship, belonging to *Alestan's* manor in *Hales*, (which *Roger* had the grant of.) Seventeen freemen had also a carucate, with another that was held by commendation only, and 4 carucates of meadow. *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk* added to this lordship, in the time of King *William*,[7] 8 freemen who had a carucate of land, and 2 borderers; and there were 6 freemen under them with 12 acres of land, and 4 carucates of meadow. In King *Edward's* time, the whole was valued at 20*s*. at the survey, at 60*s*. and what the freemen held, at 30*s*.—The town was one leuca long, and 8 furlongs wide, and paid 12*d*. gelt.[8]

[6] Lib. Instit. Norw. 4.—Reg. Abbat. de Langley.

[7] Ralph, the Earl, had first the grant of this manor, and on his forfeiture, Godric.

[8] Terre Godrici Dapiferi—Heckingham tenuit Hagana de Stigando T. R. E. iiii car. t're. semp. vi villi et vi bord. et i serv. tc. i car. in dnio. m° ii. tc. ii. car. hom. mo. i. et ii car. possent fieri. x ac. p'ti. silva iiii porc. semp. i molin. maresc. lx ovs. tc. i runc. mo. ii. mo. iiii an et xx porc. et i ecclia. viii ac. ex. h. xxx ac. t're. calumpniatr. R. Bigot ad feudu' Alestani. et xvii libi. ho'es i car. i car. t're. com'd. tantu' tc. iiii car. mo. iii. et iii ac. p'ti. Huic manerio addidit R. com. viii lib'os ho'es t. r. Will'mi. et 'h'nt. i car. t're. et ii bord. et vi libi. ho'es sub illis xii ac tc. et p. iiii car. mo. iii. vii. ac. p'ti. maneriu' val. tc. xx sol. mo. lx.

LANGLEY-ABBEY MANOR.

On the death of *Godric*, it seems to have come again into the Crown, and was granted to the Earl *Warren*, and a family that took their name from the town was infeoffed of it, and held it of the Earl *Warren*.

In the 10th of *Richard* I. *William de Rochawe*, who took his name from an hamlet in this town, surrendered by fine, to *Baldwin*, son of *William*, son of *Adestan de Hekingham*, 15 acres of land; and in the 5 of King *John*, *Alan de Hekingham* was lord, and *Herbert de Rochage* conveyed lands to him by fine.[9] It appears from the Register of *Langley* abbey that *Alan* gave to *Simon de Blaveney*, with *Muriel* his daughter, in marriage, this lordship, and they sold to Sir *Roger de Thurkelby*, (an itinerant judge,) 50 acres, part of it, with the services of several tenants in this town, *Hales*, *Norton*, &c. and Sir *Roger* had a grant of free warrant in the 29th of *Henry* III. *Alan*, also, sold to Sir *William Roscelyn*, and *Lætitia* his wife, the advowson of this church; this *Lætitia*, in her widowhood, gave it to *Langley* abbey; she after married Sir *Roger de Thurkelby*; and in 1289, from an extent then made of the manor of *Hekingham*, which the abbot held of the gift of Sir *Roger*, with the appropriate rectory and advowson; and the tithe of wheat was then esteemed, one year with another, at ten combs, each comb valued at 2*s.*; Mesling, 20 comb, at 18*d.* per comb; Pease, 10 comb, at 18*d.* per comb; Oats, 2 comb, at 12*d.* per comb; Sixscore comb of barley, at 18*d.* per comb; the manor-house contained 11 acres, with the out ditches, mote, &c. Apples in the orchard, valued at 6*s.* 8*d. per ann.* the mill, 9*s.*; there was a great pond of 3 acres, coney-garth and bromeyard, liberty of a free bull and boar in summer, with pleas and perquisites of court, reliefs, wards, &c. Lands in several fields, 9 score and 2 acres, 17 perches, by the perch of 18 feet and half, with pastures, meadow, marsh ground, &c.

In the 9th of *Edward* II. the abbot held one fee of the Earl *Warren*, which *William de Agia*, and *Olive de Rokehagh*, *Simon de Blaveny*, &c. held formerly.

The abbot's temporals in 1428, were valued at 7*l.* 18*s.* 4*d. ob.*

At the Dissolution it was granted, *August* 16, *ao.* 32 *Henry* VIII. to *Thomas Godsalve*, Esq.

Here was a controversia, but *sans* date, between the abbot, &c. of *Langley*, rectors of this church, and *Ralph le Butiler*, rector of *Raveningham*, about tithes; and it was agreed, that *Ralph* and his successours should have the tithe of 12 acres and a half in *Raveningham*, and the abbot of 12 acres here, butted, &c. (*Langley Regr. fol.* 68.) *Ralph* was living in 1290.

Simon de Blaveny, and *Muriel* his wife, daughter of *Alan de Heckingham*, granted other lands with a marsh, parcel of the manor of *Alan*, to *William de Vernun*, and *Robert de Vernun* of *Hales* and *Lodne*;[1] which *Robert* granted to the abbot aforesaid, the homage of Sir *Roger*, son of Sir *Walter de Hales*, and assigned the said Sir *Roger* to pay to the convent 15*d. per ann.* rent, for the whole messuage of the

et libi. ho's xxx sol. tot. ht. i leug. in longo. et viii qr. in lato et xiid. de gelto.

[9] Reg. Abb. Langl. fol. 63, 107.
[1] Reg. Langley Abb. f. 63, 69, 106.

chapel of St. *Andrew*, of *Hales*, and lands which he and *Alice* his wife held of him, with other lands, in the 16th of *Edward* I. Witnesses, *William de Agia*, *Roger de Raveningham*, &c.

Sir *William de Roscelyn*, Sir *Thomas*, and Sir *Peter* his son, had an interest herein, as had *John*, son of *Ralph de Erlham*, and *Nicholaa* his wife, who gave lands to the abbey of *Langley*, in the reign of *Henry* III. She was daughter of *Elias Druri* of *Heckingham*.

In the 42d of *Edward* III. *William Bergh* died, and had a part of a fee.

Joan Ward died possessed of a lordship, as by her will in 1464.[2]

Thomas Denney was lord of a manor in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, and had license, *December* 1, *ao.* 6th of *James* I. to alien it to *Thomas Fiske*, who in the 14th of King *Charles* I. conveyed it to *William Coppin*, Gent.

Roger Bigot had the grant of 26 acres, with a borderer and an acre of meadow, which a freeman possessed in the time of the Confessor, when there was half a carucate. *Turold* held this of *Roger*, and it was valued at 16*d*.

Roger had also 30 acres of land given him, which *Bondo*, a freeman, was deprived of, belonging to *Ulchetell's* fee, who had by commendation, a moiety of him, in the reign of King *Edward*, and in right of his wife, the whole commendation; *Godric*, the Conqueror's steward claimed him, on the forfeiture of *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk*; and the hundred witnesses that he performed services to *Godric*, but know not by what right; there belonged to it also, a carucate and 2 acres of meadow; valued in the whole at 4*s*.[3]

The families of *De Loddon*, and *De Hales*, seem to have some interest here. In the 7th of *Edward* I. *John de Gernemuth* had free warren here in *Norton* and *Loddon*. In the 12th of that King, *William*, son of Sir *John de Loddon*, confirmed to *Thomas Wyth* of *Yarmouth*, a marsh and a suncary, called *Lam-Holm*, after the decease of the Lady *Alice de Quitwell*, widow of Sir *John* his father.

John de Heckington, in the 29th of the said reign, was querent in a fine, and *Warin de Hulmo* deforcient of lands here, in *Norton* and *Raveningham*.

In the 9th of *Edward* II. the abbot of *Langley* and *Robert Hales* were returned to be lords of this town.

Roger had another small fee held of him at the survey, by *Robert de Vaux*, out of which a freeman of *Stigand*, the archbishop, was ejected; there belonged to it 30 acres, with 2 borderers, and two freemen held of him 3 acres and an half, and there was half a carucate valued at 4*s*.[4]

[2] Reg. Brosyard Norw.

[3] Terra Rogeri Bigoti—Hechinghe-ham, tenet Turold. de Rogero quod tenuit lib. ho. t'pore R. xxvi ac. et i bord. et i ac. p'ti. tnc. dimid. car. mo. nulla. sed potest restaurari et val. xvi denarios.

In Hethingham, i lib. ho. Bondo xxx ac. tre. que' ten. Rog. ad feudu' Ulchetelli. s; ipse Ulchetel habuit dimid. com'dationem de illo t'pore regis E. et de uxore tota. com'dationem, et Godi. dapifer eu' calumpniatr. quod eu' tenuit quand. Radulf. Comes forisfecit et hund. testatr. quod serviebat Godrico, sed nesciunt quomodo, et habet sep. i caruca' et ii ac. p'ti. val. iiii sol.

[4] In Ekingham, i lib. ho. Stigandi xxx ac. m°. tenet Robt. de Walls et ii bor. et ii lib. ho'es sub eo iii ac. et dim. semp. dim. car. et val. iiii sol.

The CHURCH was a rectory, and is dedicated to St. *Gregory*; in the 9th of *Henry* III. a fine was levied before *Martin de Pateshull*, &c. the King's justices, between *William*, son of *Roscelyne*, and *Lecia* his wife, petents, and *Alan de Heckingham*, deforcients, of the advowson of this church, purchased by them, and the heirs of *Lecia*, who afterwards gave it by deed *s. d.* to the abbey of *Langley*.[3] Sir *Thomas*, her son, released all his right herein, in the 54th of that King, as did *William*, son of *Adam de Heckingham* in the 24th of *Henry* III. to the said convent, and they covenanted to receive him and his heirs into all prayers and benefactions to be made in that abbey; it was after appropriated to that abbey, and a vicarage settled. In the reign of *Edward* I. the abbot and convent, as rector, had a manse and two carucates of land, and it was valued at 8 marks, the vicarage at 40*s.* in the patronage of the abbot, *Peter*-pence 12*d.* carvage 4*d. ob.*

VICARS.

In 1328, *Paul de Oxwich*, instituted vicar, presented by the abbot, &c.

1348, *John Grym.* *Ditto.*

1349, *Thomas Bec.* *Ditto.*

1360, *Hugh de Contesthorp.* *Ditto.*

John Deneys, vicar.

1370, *Richard Hiket.* *Ditto.*

William Tale occurs vicar *A°.* 38 *Henry* VI.

At the dissolution of the abbey, the rectory, and patronage of the vicarage came to the Crown, and in 1603, the church was served by a stipendiary curate,

Bryant Ward, who returned 59 communicants.

On *February* 19, *A°.* 16 *Elizabeth*, the rectory was granted to *Bernard Gylpin* and *Christopher Fenton*, with the rectory of *Tweight*.

Charles Rigges was instituted vicar in 1627, presented by the King, but in 1748, it was served by a stipendiary curate, nominated by the heirs of Mr. *Peter Lawes*.

The church has a nave, and a south isle, with a chancel antique, turned round at the east end, and a round tower with 2 bells.

In the nave a grave-stone,

In memory of John Crowe, Gent. who died in 1663.

And in the south isle, one,

In memory of William Mingay, Gent. who died in 1713, with his arms, *or*, on a bend *azure*, three leopards faces, *argent*; and in a window of the said isle, the arms of *Erpingham*—*Clifton*, cheque, *argent* and *sable*, on a bend, *gules*, three oaken leaves proper—*gules* on a chevron *argent*, three trefoils slipt, of the first, impaling *Erpingham*—also impaling *Clifton*.

Heck seems to be the name of a rivulet; *Heckford* in *Hampshire* and *Norfolk*; *Heckmondwyke* in *Yorkshire*, *Heckington* in *Lincolnshire*, &c.

[3] Reg. Abbot. Langley, fo. 53.

HOWE.

This village, now accounted part of the hundred of *Clavering*, was part of the hundred of *Henstead*, at the grand survey; where we find this account of it: *Alnoht*, a freeman of Archbishop *Stigand*, was lord in King *Edward's* reign, and on his deprivation the Conqueror seized on it, and *Godric* his steward took care of it for him. In *Alnoht's* time, there was one carucate of land, with 12 villains, and one borderer, and 6 servi, 2 carucates in demean, and 3 among the tenants, paunage for 40 swine, and 2 acres of meadow, 4 cows, &c. with 80 sheep, valued then at 40*s.* at the survey at 60*s.* was 6 furlongs long, and 4 broad, and paid 12*d.* gelt.[6]

It remained in the Crown till King *William* II. gave it to *William de Albini* his butler, ancestor of the Earls of *Arundel*.

A family took their name from this town, (being lords of it,) according to the custom of former ages, and was enfeoffed thereof by *William de Albini*.

In the 9th of King *John*, *Roger de Hoo* enjoyed it, and then paid 10 marks for the King's favour, and his land that was seized for beating the King's servants; *Ralph de Hoo* was living in the 34th of *Henry* III. and in the 44th *Miles*, son of *Ralph*, conveyed by fine a messuage, 80 acres of land, 10 of wood, one of meadow, with a moiety of the advowson of the church of *Hoo*, to *John de Hoo*, who regranted it to *Miles*.

John de Syreland, parson of a moiety of this church, as a trustee, settled the manor of *Howe* on *Ralph*, son of *Miles de How*, and *Joan* his wife, in the 34th of *Edward* I. and in the 20th of *Edward* II. *Miles de How*, son of *Ralph*, grants his interest herein to *Edward Rose* of *Yarmouth*, *William March* of *Stanhowe*, and *Walter*, son of *Ralph de Bintre*, with the reversion of what *Nicholas Hovell*, and *Joan* his mother held in jointure for life; and soon after the said *Edward*, *William*, and *Walter*, grant it to Sir *Walter de Norwich*, and *Catherine* his wife. Sir *Walter* is said, in the 3d of *Edward* III. to hold it by suit of court, of the manor of *Wymondham*, then valued at 6*l.* 10*s. per ann.*

Sir *John de Norwich*, son and heir of Sir *Walter*, was lord and patron in the 4th of *Edward* III.

Sir *John de Norwich*, in the 31st of *Edward* III. had a charter of free warren, and in the 47th of that King, conveyed it to his feoffees, Sir *John de Plays*, &c. to settle it on his college of *Mettingham* in *Suffolk*, and in the 49th was settled by the Lady *Catherine de Brews*, cousin and heir of Sir *John*, and the said trustees accordingly.

[6] Heineste hundr.—Hou. tenuit Alnoht, i lib. ho. Stigandj, Archiepi. T. R. E. p. i car. tre. tc. xii vill. et p. xi et m°. similit'. semp. i bord. tc. vi ser. p. et m°. iii tc. ii car. in dnio. p. et m°. i sep. iii car. hou. silva, xl porc. et ii. ac. pti. sep. iiii an. et xlt porc. et lxxx ov. tc. val. xl sol. p. et m°. lx Hou. ht. vi quar. in longo, et iiii in lato, et de gelt xii*d.*

On the 14th of *April*, *A°*. 33d. of *Henry* VIII. the King granted this manor belonging to *Mettingham* college, to Sir *Anthony Denny*, one of his privy council, who died possessed of it, as appears by his will, dated *March* 10, *A°*. 3d of *Edward* VI. leaving *Joan* his wife, *Henry* his eldest son being 9 years old, and *Anthony*, *Charles*, and *Edward*, younger sons, also lord of *Mettingham* castle, the manors o *Ilketeshale*, *Bramford*, *Sibeton*, *Wenhaston* in *Suffolk*, &c.

In 1571, *Anthony Denny*, Esq. was lord, and *William Denny* in the 21st of *James* I. By an inquisition taken at *Thetford*, *September* 5, on the death of *John Denny*, Esq. he was found to die seized of it *May* 2, *A°*. 13 *Charles* I. and the advowson held of the King *in capite*, and *Edward* was his son and heir, (by *Anne* his wife,) aged 13.

BURY ABBEY MANOR.

Another lordship in this town belonged to the abbey of *Bury*, and was part of the great manor of *Lodne*, which extended here. *Baldwin*, abbot of *Bury*, who lived in the reign of the Conqueror, enfeoffed *Frodo* his brother, of it, &c. and *Gosceline de Lodne* held it under *Frodo*. In this family it continued till *Gosceline de Lodne*, a descendant of the aforesaid *Gosceline*, dying without issue, his inheritance was divided among his 5 sisters and coheirs, (as may be seen at large in *Loddon*,) and this lordship, on a division, came to *Emma*, the fourth sister and coheir, who married *Ralph de How*, and was father of *Reyner*, who left two sons, *Ralph* and *William*; *Ralph* gave his part or moiety to his brother *William*, who was father of *John de How*, who in the 50th of *Henry* III. granted by fine to *Magdalen*, prioress of *Carhoe*, by *Norwich*, the advowson of a moiety of the church of St. *Mary* in this town.

Sir *Richard de Boyland*, the judge, and *Maud* his wife, purchased of —— *de Howe*. In the 14th of *Edward* I. this manor, with lands, &c. in *Shotesham*, *Framingham*, and *John de Boyland* held it in the 9th of *Edward* II. and in the 4th of *Henry* IV. the abbot of *Bury* had a quarter of a fee, called *Boyland's*. Sir *William de Norwich* seems to be lord, and so was united to the other manor, and came to the *Dennys*.

The tenths were 3*l*. 2*s*.—Deducted 1*l*.

The Church of *Howe* is dedicated to St. *Mary*, and formerly consisted of 2 medieties, or rectories; one belonged to the manor of *How*, of the *Arundel* fee, the other, to *Bury* abbey fee: *Ralph de How* was lord and patron of the *Arundel* fee in the 34th of *Henry* III. and *Miles* his son in the 44th of that King.

In the reign of *Edward* I. Sir *Ralph de Howe* was patron, when this mediety was taxed at 6 marks and a half, and the rector had a manse with 30 acres of land: the *Peter*-pence were 12*d*. carvage 6*d*. *ob*.

After this, *Miles Howe*, son of Sir *Ralph*, was lord and patron, and granted it to Sir *Walter de Norwich*; and Sir *Walter de Norwich* was lord in the 3d of *Edward* III.

RECTORS.

In 1322, *Robert de Fuldene*, by *Richard Hovell* and *Joan* his wife, and *Lettice de Lodne*.

1323, *John de Thirston*, by *ditto*.

1328, *Gosceline de Bintre*, by *ditto*.

1349, *Robert de Harpele*, by Sir *John de Norwich*.

1376, *John Rumburgh*, by *Margaret*, relict of Sir *William de Norwich*.

1385, *Roger Attewell*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

Sir *John de How*, lord and patron of the other mediety, or *Bury* fee, granted the advowson by fine *A°*. 50 *Henry* III. to the priory of *Carhow*, and that priory had the patronage in the reign of *Edward* I. when it was taxed at 6 marks and a half, and the rector had a manse, and 30 acres of land.

In 1306, *John de Sisland* occurs rector.

1313, Mr. *William* of St. *Faith's* by the prioress of *Carhow*.

1318, *Walter de Thirston*. *Ditto*.

1325, Mr. *Robert de Curson*. *Ditto*.

William de Brokkeley, rector.

1346, *John Smert*. *Ditto*.

1351, *Thomas de Melborn*. *Ditto*.

1352, *Robert le Zonge*. *Ditto*.

1352, *John de Steyneston*. *Ditto*.

1355, *Roger Perbroun*. *Ditto*.

1358, *John Clerk*. *Ditto*.

1360, *Thomas Whiting*. *Ditto*.

1361, *Shep. Gilbert*. *Ditto*.

1365, *Step. Kimberle*. *Ditto*.

1365, *Hugh de Thame*. *Ditto*.

1366, *Walter de Helbeck*. *Ditto*.

1375, *John de Standen*. *Ditto*.

1376, *William de Alleston*. *Ditto*.

1405, *John de Rumburgh*. *Ditto*: both the rectories were at this time consolidated.

In 1603, *John Gascoyn* was rector, and returned 63 communicants, and the patronage was in *John Denny*, Esq. who was succeeded by *Thomas Plombe*, rector.

John Eyre, A. M. instituted 1684, presented by the King, on a lapse.

Nathaniel Wadesworth died rector 1728, and *Joseph Brett*, then presented by the lady *Elizabeth Hastings*: *Brett* resigned in the said year,

Charles Wadsworth was presented by *ditto*.

The present valor is 18*l*. 17*s*. 4*d*. and is discharged.

The church is a single pile and a chancel, both covered with tiles, and has a round tower with one bell.

In the church were the lights of the crucifix, and St. *Mary*.

How signifies a rising ground, or a hall, as *Houghton*, *Hougham*.

KIRKEBY-KAM.

The principal manor in this town was in the abbey of St. *Edmund* of *Bury*, to which it was given by *Algiva* Queen of *England*, mother of *Edward* the Confessor. It is to be observed here, that *Emma* is by historians generally called this King's mother, who first married *Etheldred* King of *England*, by whom she had King *Edward*, and afterwards married *Canute* King of *England*, &c.; the *Saxon* Chronicle calls her *Ælgiva Ymma*;[7] and it is probable that she gave it about the year 1020, when King *Canute*, her lord, was a great benefactor to that abbey.

The said abbey held it at the grand survey, and *Rafrid* of the abbot, with 2 carucates of land, a villain and eleven borderers; there were 2 carucates in demean, 5 carucates among the tenants, and 14 acres of meadow, paunage for 6 swine, the moiety of a mill, &c.; a church endowed with 20 acres in free alms, and 2 parts of a church endowed with 14 acres; 4 runci belonged to the lordship, 4 cows, &c. and 100 sheep. There were also 4 freemen with 3 carucates of land, and 4 carucates and an half, and 3 acres of meadow, valued at 40*s.* but at the survey at 6*l.* and the 20 acres of the church at 20*d.*—It was nine furlongs long, and 5 broad, and paid 10½*d.* gelt.[8]

Rafrid was succeeded by *Godebald de Kirkebia*, most likely his son, to whom *Anselm*, abbot of St. *Edmund's Bury*, granted this lordship with all its appertenances, and to his heirs, to be held by one fee, *sans date;* witnesses, *Gilbert Blound, Robert de Wridwell, Osward de Thuston, Ralph de Lodnes, Richard de Cadomo*, and this grant was confirmed by the letters patent of *Henry* I.

HENRICUS REX Anglie, &c. Episco. Norwic. Sciatis ME concessisse Godeboldo de Churchebey terram de Chirebeium cum soca, et saca, &c: Test. A. Lino. Espico. Galfrido Cancell. Auberio de Vere, Robto. filio Walteri, Gilb. de Blund, &c.

It appears that this King's grant was in the singular number *Me concessisse*, and not *Nos.*

William, son of *Godebold* held it temp. King *Stephen.*

In the 6th of *Richard* I. a fine was levied between *Sampson*, abbot of *Bury*, and *Alexander*, son of *Gobald*, before *Hubt.* Archbishop of *Canterbury, William de Sca. Maria* church, Mr. *Thomas de Husseborn, Simon de Pateshull, Richard Heriet, Oger*, son of *Oger*, the King's justices; whereby *Alexander* agrees to pay 20*s.* when the scutage for

[7] Reg. Bury, Pincebek, fol. 383.—— Chron. Saxon. p. 156.

[8] Terra Abbatis de Sco. Edmundo. ——Kercheby tenet Refrid. de abbe qd. tenuit S. E. T. R. E. p. ii car. tre. sep. i vill. et xi bor. tc. ii car. in dnio. m°. iii sep. v car. hom. xiiii ac. pti. silva vi porc. tc. dim. mol m°. i et dim. Ecclie. xx ac. in elemosina. et ii part. uni ecclie. de xiiii. ac. In dnio. iiii runc. iiii an. xv porc. c. ov. et iiii lib. hoes. iii car. tre. et iiii car. et dim. et iii ac. pti. tc. val. xL. sol. m°. vi. lib. Ecclie. xx ac. val. xx*d.* et ht. ix qr. in long. et v. in lat. et de g. x*d.* et o*b.*

one fee was so taxed, and to do full wardship to *Norwich* castle. This *Alexander* left a daughter and heir, *Mary*, married first to *Gilbert de Norfolk*, and after to *Walter de Cam*; *Robert de Norfolk*, her son, released to her, and *Walter* her husband, in the 3d of *Henry* III. all his right in his land here, by fine.[9]

After this, the lordship seems to have been divided, and in the 52d of *Henry* III. *Richard de Thwait*, and *William de Stockton* granted by fine their interest in the advowson of this church to *Richard de Cadomo*, or *de Caam*, who gave that name (as lord) to this town.

This *Richard* was descended from *Richard de Cadomo*, who was living, as is above shown, in the time of King *Henry* I. and was father of *Walter de Cam*. King *Henry* II. in his 30 year, granted to ——, son of *Thomas Fitz-Bernard*, the custody of *Mary*, the daughter of *Walter de Cam*, with *Wabrigg*, (she being 5 years old, and in the custody of the wife of the late *Thomas Fitz-Bernard*;[a]) this *Walter* had a younger brother, *Richard*, who was living about the same time, and father of *Walter de Cam*, who married *Mary*, daughter and heir of *Walter* aforesaid; and in the reign of King *John*, this *Walter*, and *Mary* his wife, let to *Thomas de Longville*, a mill in this town, that she had by inheritance; also a lordship here, as appears from her deed, *sans* date, whereby she confirmed to persons, lands held of her ancestors, not to be alienated by them, without her consent; and they held it by the 3d part of a fee.

Sir *Richard de Cam* was their son, and inherited this lordship, who lived in the 52d of *Henry* III. and married *Maud*, sister of *Adam de Mendham*; and died about the year 1286, when he made his last will.

Walter de Cam, his son and heir, succeeded, was lord in 1287, and in the 22d of *Edward* I. he and *Constance* his wife were living in the 31st, and did homage to the abbot of *Bury*. This *Walter*, in the 15th of *Edward* II. sold this manor to *Roger Gavel*, a burgess of Great *Yarmouth*, and *Constance*, his wife, (probably *Walter's* daughter;) in the following year, *Rich.* the second son of *Walter de Cam*, released ot *Roger* and his wife, all his right; and in the 19th reciting that whereas the said *Roger* and his wife were to pay to him an annuity of 20*s.* and to provide him a new robe every winter, he had released the same to them.

John, eldest son and heir of *Walter*, impleaded *Roger Gavel*, in the 49th of *Edward* II.; but it appearing that he had also released his right, *Roger* kept possession. One *John de Cam* was summoned to parliament in the 28th, 32d, &c. of *Edward* II. and was of the King's council.

Roger Gavel was son of *John Gavel*, living at *Yarmouth*, *ao.* 10 *Edward* I. son of *Jeffrey Gavel*, of the said town, by *Alice* his wife, daughter of *Rich. Fastolf*; *Roger* was also lord of *Mettingham* in *Suffolk*, in the 5th of *Edward* III. and father of *Edmund*, by *Constance* his wife. *Edmund* was lord of *Kirby* in the 10th of *Edward* III.; in the 17th of that King, he leased the manor of *To-How's* marsh in *Thurverton*, to *Anselm de Fordele*, and *William*, his son paying him, 5*l. per ann.* and finding him and *Mary* his wife, diet at his table, &c.

[9] This Walter and Mary his wife, by Thwait the 3d part of a fee here, and the deed sans date, released to Roger de 3d part of a marl-pit, &c.

[a] Rot. de D'nab; &c.

for 2 years. Witnesses, *Barth. de Thorp, John de Jernemouth, Thomas Aleyn, John de Wytton,* and *Hugh de Kymberly,* burgesses of Great *Yarmouth.* In the next year he was in rebellion against the King, riding about *Suffolk* with banners displayed, imprisoning, and committing many murders, for which he was indicted befor *William de Shareshull,* &c. the King's justices, and after had a pardon under the broad seal, dated *June* 29, in the said year.

Nicholas Gavel was his son and heir, by *Mary* his wife, and in the wardship of *Nicholas de Wichingham,* in the 25th of the said King: he married *Catherine,* daughter and heir of ——— *Myniot,* and was ord of *Myniot's* manor in *Kirkested,* in her right.

Robert Gavel was their son. *Ellen Myniot,* widow, mother of *Catharine,* wife of *Nicholas Gavell,* released to him, *ao.* 18 *Richard* II. all her right in this manor and advowson, which she had of the gift of *Nicholas* his father; and *Catherine* his mother was living in the 2d of *Henry* IV. then the wife of *John Godfrey* of *Chedeston* in *Suffolk. Robert,* by his will, dated *February* 19, 1439, was buried in the chapel of St. *Mary,* on the north side of the chancel of this church; *Maud,* his wife, survived him; her will was proved *February* 19, 1454.

Thomas succeeded his father *Robert,* was lord of this manor and of *Kirkated;* by his will, dated *December* 17, 1461, he orders his body to be buried at the door of the chapel of St. *Mary* in this church; appoints *Heny,* his son, and *George,* his brother, executors; which was proved *January* 28, 1462.[2] *Emma* his wife was living in 1474.

Henry Gavell, Gent. inherited this lordship: by his will, dated *August,* 30, 1474; he was buried in the chapel aforesaid; he bequeaths to *Anne,* his wife, the manor of *Kirby* and *Ellingham,* as long as she continues sole, but if not, then an annuity of 10 marks *per annum,* and to his mother, *Emma,* 4 marks *per annum Bartholomew, Robert,* and *Ellen* his children mentioned, and proved *January* 12, following.

Bartholomew, son and heir of *Henry,* was father of *Thomas Gavel,* the last heir male of this family, and lord in the 12th of *Henry* VII. by *Anne,* his wife, daughter of *Henry Everard,* of *Linstead* in *Suffolk,* he left four daughters and coheirs; first, *Thomasine,* married to *Leonard Copledike,* Esq. 2d, *Dorothy,* to *Francis Clopton,* of *Liston* in *Essex,* Esq. 3d, *Eleanor,* to *John Bury,* Esq. of *Worlingham* in *Suffolk;* and 4th, *Elizabeth,* to *John Cook,* Esq.

This *Thomas,* by his will, dated *February* 16, 1522, was buried in the church of *Kirkeby;*[3] and was proved *August* 9 following. To *Thomasine,* his eldest daughter, he gives this lordship, who brought it by marriage to *Leonard Copledike,* Esq.[4] 2d son of Sir *John Copledike* of *Frampton* in *Lincolnshire,* and of *Horham* in *Suffolk,* by *Margaret* his wife, daughter of —— *Heton.* On the death of this *Leonard,* (by whom she had a son and heir, *John,*) she remarried *Edward Calthorp,* Esq. in 1525; and in the 22d of *Henry* VIII. this lordship and advowson with 20 messuages, 400 acres of land, 60 of meadow, 300 of pasture, 12 of wood, and 40s. rent *per ann.* in this town, *Elingham, Stockton, Geldeston,* and *Hale,* were settled on the said *Edward* and

[2] Reg. Brosyd. Norw. pt. 2 fol. 200. Reg. Gelour, Norw. pt. 2, fol. 23. et Reg. Belinge, Norw.

[3] Regist. Alablaster Norw. fol. 3.

[4] This Leonard married, first —— daughter of Simon Richmond of Stradbrook in Suffolk, and widow of —— Bradock, and had issue by her.

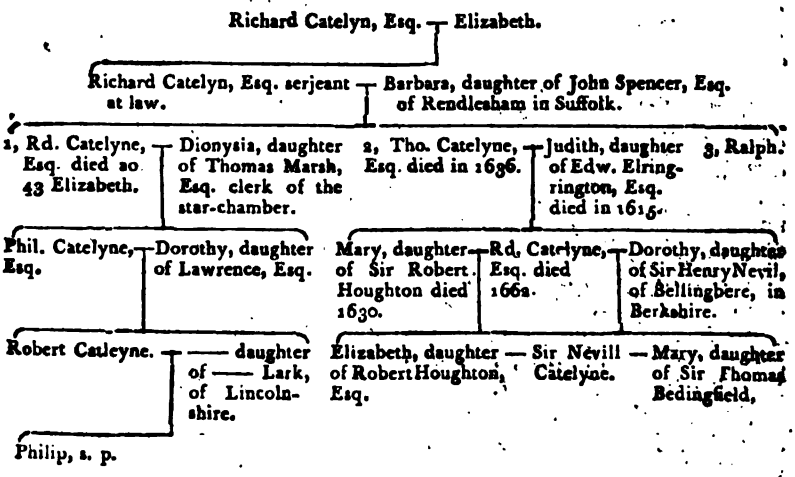
Thomasine, for their lives; remainder to *John Copledike*, son of the said *Thomasine*, and his heirs. *Thomasine* died in 1557.

Edward was son of *Edward Calthorp*, Esq. of *Ludham*, and *Anne* his wife: in the 4th and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, he demised to *John Copledike*, Esq. the site of this manor, which he held for life by the courtesy of *England*, after the decease of *Thomasine*, his wife: *John* paying to him 20*l. per ann.* in the hall of the said house; *Edward* was also to have meat and drink for himself, and one servant, as often as he shall reside there; and 2 chambers, one for his own the other for his servant's lodging; with convenient fewel; the keeping of 3 geldings or mares, in summer-time at grass, in the winter in the stable, with hay, &c. and *Edward* to pay to *John* 10*l. per ann.*; in 1557, he died, and was buried by his wife in the chancel of this church, his will being dated *May* 5, and proved *November* 5; gives to *Edmund* his son, all his goods; and to *Mary*, *Grace*, and *Prudence*, his daughters, legacies.

John Copledike was lord in the 6 of *Elizabeth*, and held it *in capite* of the castle of *Norwich*; he married, first *Ellen*, daughter and heir of *John Woodhouse*, Esq. and his 2d wife was *Maud*, daughter of *John Highfield*, Esq. of *Calais*, who died *s. p.*; by his first wife he left, a daughter and sole heir, *Thomasine*, who married *Humphrey Copledike*, Esq. of *Hetherset*, 5th son of Sir *John Copledike*, of *Harington* in *Lincolnshire*. By an inquisition taken *ao* 36 of *Elizabeth*, the above said *John* was found to die possessed of it, held of that Queen, by knight's service.

Humphrey had several children by his wife *Thomasine*; but he sold this lordship to *Thomas Catelyn* of *Lakenham* by *Norwich*. The pedigree of this family is as follows,

CATELYN'S PEDIGREE.



Richard Catelyn, Esq. was sheriff of *Norwich*, in 1531, and alderman of that city; by his will dated *August* 28, 1556, he wills his body to be buried by his wife, in St. *Peter's* church of *Norwich*, and

was buried there on *November* 3 following; his wife was buried there in *August* 1556.

In 1553, he had a patent to bear these arms; *p.* chevron, *azure* and *or*, three lions passant, guardant, in pale, counterchanged; on a chief *argent*, as many snakes nowed, *sable*, stinged *gules*.

Richard Catelyn, Esq. was 5th son of *Richard*, by *Elizabeth*: in the 4th of *Edward* VI. he was autumn-reader of *Lincoln's Inn*, serjeant at law *May* 19, *ao.* 1552; steward of the city of *Norwich*, and King and Queen's serjeant, *October* 16, 1555; deputy lieutenant and justice of the peace, and one of the commissioners to try the rebels in the reign of Queen *Mary*; he died before his father, in *August*, 1556, and was buried in the chancel of *Huningham* church in *Norfolk*, and was lord of *Huningham* Hall, and of *Watsoken Popenhow* in *Norfolk*. *Barbara*, his widow, erected a monument to his memory, which being after decayed, another was erected by *Thomas*, his 2d son.—He had three daughters; *Ann*, married to *Thomas Derham*, Esq. of *West Derham*; *Elizabeth*, to *Thomas Townsend*, Esq. of *Testerton*, and *Lettice*, to *William Guybon* of *Fincham*. Esq.

Richard Catelyn, Esq. first son of the serjeant, was lord of *Wolverton* Hall in *Suffolk*, and died *March* 11th, *ao.* 43 *Elizabeth*; he married *Dionysia*, daughter of *Thomas Marsh*, Esq. and was father of *Philip*, who by *Dorothy*, daughter of ——— *Lawrence*, Esq. of ——— in *Cambridgeshire*, and *Jane* his wife, daughter of Sir *John Pugrave*, Bart. had *Richard* his son and heir; *Richard* had also by *Dionysia*, a 2d son, Sir *Nathaniel Catelyn*, Knt. recorder of *Dublin* in *Ireland*.

Philip, by *Dorothy*, was father of *Richard*, who, by ——, daughter of ——— *Larke* of *Lincolnshire*, had *Philip* his son, who died unmarried.

Thomas Catelyne, Esq. 2d son of the serjeant, married *Judith*, daughter of *Edward Ellington* of *Theydon Bois* in *Essex*, was lord of *Wingfield* Hall in *Suffolk*; in 1604, was lord of *Hastings* Hall and *Whitfoot* Hall in *Irmingland*, and he purchased of *Humphrey Copledike*, this lordship of *Kirkeby*.

He died in 1636.

Richard Catelyn, Esq. son of *Thomas*, married first *Mary*, daughter of Sir *Robert Houghton*, one of the judges of the King's Bench; she died *s. p.*; his 2d wife was *Dorothy*, daughter of Sir *Henry Nevil* of *Billingbere* in *Berkshire*, by whom she had a son and heir, Sir *Nevil*, and *Richard* who died *s. p.* also *Anne*, who married *Thomas Leman*, Gent. of *Wenhaston* in *Suffolk*. *Dorothy*, married to *Leonard Gouch*, Gent. of *Ersham* in *Norfolk*. *Barbara*, to *Henry Mordaunt* of *Congham*, Esq. *Elizabeth* who died single.

Sir *Nevil Catelyne* was knighted by King *Charles* II. at *Somerset-house*, *London*, in 1662, lord of this town, and *Wingfield* castle in *Suffolk*; he married, first, *Dorothy*, daughter of Sir *Thomas Bedingfield* of *Darsham* in *Suffolk*; and his 2d wife was *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Robert Houghton* of *Ranworth*, Esq. and had children by both, who died young; his 3d wife was *Mary*, daughter of Sir *William*, and sister of Sir *Charles Blois*, Bart. of *Cockfield* Hall in *Yoxford*, *Suffolk*, and of *Grundesburgh*: Sir *Nevil* was buried in this church, on *July* ——, 1702.

She survived Sir *Nevil*, and married Sir *Charles Turner* of *Warham*

in *Norfolk*, and were both living here in 1720; and Sir *Charles* was lord in 1740, and patron.

Rafrid (as has been observed) held, at the survey, this lordship of the abbot of *Bury*, by one fee, and so did *Godebald de Kirkeby*, and *Alexander* his son; but after, this fee was divided and held by three different families; the family of *De Cam* held one 3d part; the *Bigots* Earls of *Norfolk* had also an interest in another 3d part which came to the *Bigots* Lords of *Stockton*. In the 14th of *Edward* I. Sir *John Bigot*, lord of *Stockton*, claimed view of frank-pledge, assise, free warren, as his ancestors had held of the abbot of *Bury*; this came to the *Garneys*, *Delapoles*, &c. as in *Stockton*.

Another 3d part was in *Richard de Thwayt*, who, with *William de Stockton*, granted by fine, in the 52d of *Henry* III. their interest in the advowson of this church, to *Richard de Cam*; and *Imania*, widow of *Richard de Thwayt*, claimed an interest herein, in the 15th of *Edward* I.—*William*, son of *Richard de la Grene* of *Kirkeby*, confirmed to Sir *Richard de Cam*, and *Maud* his wife, in the sixth of *Edward* I. for 8 marks, all his lands in this town, *Stockton*, *Hales*, &c. with the services, homages, rents, &c. except the capital messuage in *Kirkeby*. Witness, *John de Waleton*, master of the hospital of St. *Bartholomew*, in *London*; this 3d part was thus united, and so came to *Gavel's manor*, &c. as above.

Ralph Lord *Bainard* was lord of a manor in this town. When *Domesday* book was made, *Ulmar*, a freeman of King *Edward*, held it with 30 acres of land; *Robert*, son of *Corbun*, laid claim to this land, and had livery; there belonged to it 2 borderers, one servus, 2 carucates, and half a carucate of the tenants, &c. with 3 acres of meadow. There were also 8 freemen belonging to the lord's fold, and under his protection, with 20 acres, and 2 carucates and half an acre of meadow; valued at the survey at 40s. but before at 20s. It came to *Bainard* by an exchange.[5]

By the forfeiture of the Lord *Bainard*, this came to the Lords *Fitz-Walter*, and was called *Loot's* or *Lowt's* fee, being held by *John Loot*, of the Lord *Fitz-Walter*, in the 3d of *Henry* III. *Roger de Hales* had an interest herein about the same time, and *John de Hales* in the 2d year of *Edward* III. this was soon after united to the abovementioned manors.

About 1266, *William de Wendling* had a messuage, &c. with several rents, services, here, in *Raveningham*, &c. which *Philip Loot* had conveyed to him, and *William* gave them to the canon of *Langley*, and were confirmed by *Robert* Lord *Fitz-Walter*. *Henry Walpole* held this *Lowt's* fee, and owed to the abbot of *Langley*, in the 12th of *Henry* VI. 10*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* arrears of rent for the land and tenements here and in *Stockton*, formerly *George Felbrigg's*.

Eustace Earl of *Bologne*, in *France*, had also a lordship, of which *Osmund*, a thane of Archbishop *Stigand* was deprived; *Ralph de Beaufoe* had an interest in it after *Osmund*, but at the survey, *Warine* held it under *Eustace*.

[5] T're. Rad. Bainardi.
In Kerkeby, i lib. ho. Regis E. xxx ac. nomine Ulmarus, hunc calumpniatr. R. fili. Corbutionis et ht. liberatorem sep. ii bor. tc. i ser. tc. ii car. p. et mo. i. tc. dim. car. hom. mo. ii bovs. silv. ii. por. iii ac. p'ti. et viii libi. hoes soca falde, et com'd. xx. sep. ii car. et dim. ac. p'ti. tc. val. xx sol. mo. xl. hoc. e. p. escang.

In King *Edward's* time there was one carucate of land, and a borderer, with one carucate and 3 acres of meadow, &c. and 4 freemen under commendation, with 15 acres and half a carucate, valued at 15*s.*[6]

Warine was ancestor of the family of *De Meynwarine* of *Cheshire.*

The temporalities of *Bury* abbey here, in 1428, were valued at 11*l.* 0*s.* 6*d* of the prioress of *Campsey* 3*s.* 5*d. ob.*

The CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to *All-Saints,* and the patronage belonged to the abbot of *Bury's* manor.

In the 14th of *Henry* III. *Walter de Cam* and *Mary* his wife, could not deny on an assise, but that *Roger de Tweyt,* and *Roger de Stockton,* were parceners with them in the advowson of this church, of the inheritance which was *Alexander's,* son of *Godebald de Kirkeby,* therefore they all presented at this time, which proves that they had it by inheritance. In 1220, there was a composition between the monks of St. *Ildevert* of *Gurnay* in *France,* and Master *Walter,* dean of *Flegg* hundred, of the tithe of some sheafs of corn, out of the abbot's manor, held by Sir *R. de Cam.*

In the 52d of *Henry* III. *Richard de Thwait* and *William de Stockton* granted by fine the advowson to *Richard de Cam.*

RECTORS.

In 1268, *Laurence de Monteforti* was instituted rector, presented by *Richard de Cam.*

The rector in the reign of *Edward* I. had a house and a carucate of land, the valor was 15 marks, *Peter*-pence 22*d.* carvage 9*d.*

1311, *Walter de Hekyngham* by *Walter de Cam:* this *Walter* aliened to the rector three acres of land in the 7th of *Edward* II.

1326, *John de Cam,* by *Roger Gavel.*

1328, *William de Merche. Ditto.*

1330, *Roger Gavel,* occurs rector.

1351, *Robert de Weston,* by *William de Wychingham,* guardian of *Nicholas Gavel.*

1355, *John Foucher,* by *ditto.*

1361, *Nicholas Batchelor,* by *ditto.*

1378, *William de Reaham,* by *Nicholas Batchelor* of *Wychingaham,* Sir *Wythred* of *Denton,* and *John Bole* of *Wodeton, Thomas Storme* of *Blakeney,* and *Elen Myniot,*[7] patrons.

1379, *Nicholas Jacob,* by *Thomas Storme,* and *Elen Myniot,* and *John Wythred* chaplain.

1389, *Walter Gerard,* by *ditto.*

1393, *Thomas Busk,* by *Robert Gavel.*

1418, *John Bassy on,* by *ditto.*

1420, *John Vernon Ditto.*

1449, *Robert Hare,* by *Thomas Gavel.*

[6] T're. Comitis Eustachii.—K rkeby ten. i. Teinns Stigandi, Osmund antecessor. R. de Belfago, T. R. E. i car. t're. mo. tenet Warin. i bord. tc. et p. i car. et iii ac. p'ti. silva iii por. et iiii libi. ho'es com'd. xv ac. et dim. car. et valet xv sol.

[7] Elen, widow of Myniot, remarried Thomas Storme.

1497, *Thomas Mortimer*, by *Thomas Gavel.*
1511, *Thomas Grene*, by *ditto.*
1540, *Robert Hilton*, by *Edward Calthorpe*, Esq. and *Thomasine* his wife.
1565, *Thomas Fell*, by *John Copledyke*, Esq.
1570, *German Gardiner*, by *ditto.*
1571, *Robert Hill*, by *ditto.*
1579, *Richard Davison*, by *ditto*; in 1603, he returned 58 communicants.
1619, *Thomas Potts*, A. M. by *Richard Catelyn*, Esq.
1646, *John Watson*, by *Richard Catelyne*, Esq. he wrote a book in octavo, called Memoirs of the *Stuarts*, printed at *London* in 1689, after his death; he was ejected during the rebellion.
1662, *John Hardware*, by *Richard Catelyne*, Esq.
1690, *William Randall*, by Sir *Nevil Catelyne.*
1700, *Abraham Baker*, by *ditto.*
1733, *Samuel Baker*, by Sir *Charles Turner*, Knt.

In the chancel by the communion table are several grave-stones; one,

In memory of Mary, daughter of Sir Robert Houghton, the first wife of Richard Catelyne of Kirby Cane, Esq. by whom she had 2 sons and 2 daughters; Thomas the eldest, a man of great hopes; at 21 was captain of a troop of horse for king Charles I. and slain by the rebels at the 2d Newbury fight 1644.—*Mary, the eldest daughter, married Edward Ward of Bixley, in Norfolk, Esq. and died without issue; Robert and Judith died young; she died in* 1633, *in the 45th year of her age.*

Another,

In memory of Judith, daughter of Edward Elrington of Theydon Boys, in Essex, Esq. and wife of Thomas Catelyne, Esq. who dyed in 1615.

Thomas Catelyne, Esq. son of Richard Catelyne of Honyngham, serjeant at law to king Philip and queen Mary: by his wife Judith, daughter of Edward Elrington, Esq. &c. he had Richard Catelyne of Kirby Cane, Esq. and Thomas Catelyne of Blofield, Gent.—Barbara, mother of Robert Bendish, Esq. and Judith, mother of Robert Houghton, Gent.; he died in 1636.

Exuviæ viri plene memorabilis, Rici. Catelyn, Armigi. qui vitam exuit A°. Ætatis 79, *A°.* 1662.

Quod mortale fuit reliquum est Dorotheæ, Rici. Catelyn, Armigi. uxoris ex prænobili Nevillorum familiâ, in com. Berc. oriundæ, obt. 29 *Sept. A°. Ætatis* 67, *et A°.* 1672.

Thomas et Nevillus, filij Nevilli Catelyn, Equitis Aurati, et Dorotheæ conjugis redamatæ ex antiquâ familiâ de Bedingfeld, in agro Suffolc. oriundæ, infantes ambo, bimuli, hèic præmaturam posuerunt mortalitatem. Thomas in Anno Dni. 1662, *Nevillus A°.* 1663.

M. S. Elizab. Catelyne, cujus pars melior cum Deo, et semper fuit semperq; est futura, quæ dum mortalibus convixit nobis benignum nuper sydus præluxit. Fratris verè germani Nevilli Catelyne, Equitis Aurati,

soror; supra quam dici potest dilecta; cujus res domesticas ad annos non paucos, summâ cum prudentiâ administravit.

Quam primævo in Deum pietas, piè profusa in pauperes charitas. Intaminata in se castitas, probataq; in omnes relationes bonitas, opimæ famæ reddidere saturam. Cunctorum passim bonorum cum luctu donatam, puriore ævo vere dignam. Terræ parumper peregrinam, sempiternam cæli piè credimus incolam. Obt. Feb. 5°. 1681. Ætat. suæ 41.

Amoris nunquam intermorituri tessellam hanc posuit Nevillus Catelyn, Miles.

Radulphus filius natu tertius Richardi Catelyn, Armigi. et Dorotheæ uxoris ejus (ex prænobili Nevillorum familiâ) ætate quinquenni diem clausit A°. Dni. 1645.

Against the north wall of the chancel was erected a little tomb of free-stone, which had an epitaph, many years past, through time obliterated; it was,

In memory of John Copledike, Esq. who was here buried, April 12, 1593, *who left Thomasine, his daughter and co-heir.*

On the west end of this tomb were the arms of *Gavell, sable,* a chevron between three garbs, *argent,* with an impalement now obscure.

On the body of the tomb, the single shield of *Copledike, argent,* a chevron between three cross crosslets, *gules*:—also *Copledike,* with his quarterings; 1st, *Gavell*—2d, a saltire, but obscure—3d, lozengy *ermin* and *gules, Rookeley,*—4th, *or,* a chief *gules,* with a bend over all, *azure, Harrington*—5th, *azure,* a saltire, between four cross crosslets, *or, Friskeny,* impaling *Woodhouse* of *Kimberley*:—also *Copledike,* with his quarterings, impaling, *azure,* a chevron between three acorns slipt, *or, Hayfield. Copledike's* crest here is a goat's head, *argent,* issuing out of a coronet.

Beatam expectans resurrectionem, sub hoc marmore obdormit Gulielmus Randall, A. M. hujus ecclesiæ quondam rector et benefactor. Probitate et amicitiâ clarus, et mirè constans, sinceræ et non fucatæ pietatis exemplar. Matildam filiam Johs. Hawys, M. D. duxit, e quâ unicam filiam nomine Mariam reliquit. Obt. 13 *cal. Apr. Ætat.* 49, *A°. salutis* 1699.

Johs. Hardwar, rector hujus ecclesiæ, hic jacet in spe resurrectionis, cælebs, obt. 21, *die Febr. A°. Ætat.* 75, *salutis* 1689.

Here rests Margaret, wife of Abraham Baker, rector, and three of their children; she was daughter of the Rev. Mr. Pycroft, late rector of Ditchingham, and died March 20, 1717, *aged* 36.

Here lies the body of Anne, wife of John Chambers of Kirby Cane, Gent. who died Feb. 3, 1681.

Sir *Nevill Catelyne* is buried in a vault here, which he built several years before his death, which was in *July* 1702, also Mrs. *Elizabeth Catelyne,* his daughter, was here interred in 1685, as was Mrs. *Philippa Culpeper* in 1719.

In 1559, *Thomas Hare,* Gent. was here buried, and in 1557, Mrs. *Thomasine Calthorp.—Edmund,* son of *Edward Calthorp,* Esq. in 1567.—Mrs. *Maud Copledike,* wife of *John Copledike,* Esq. in 1589.

In 1286, Sir *Richard de Cam* was here buried,
The present valor is 10*l.* and pays first fruits and tenths.
It is generally said that towns beginning with *Kirke*, signifies that their site is by some church,[1] but it rather is a compound word, and wrote, as in *Domesday*, *Ker*, *Che*, or *Ka*; *Kerkstead* is wrote *Ker-chesstead*, *Ches*, or *Che*, signifies always water, and *Ker*, is the same as *Car*; thus *Carbroke* is wrote *Cherebroc*, and sets forth a clear water, as *Kercheby* does a dwelling by clear water.

KIRKSTED.

See in Langhale, Loddon hundred.

NORTON-SOUPECORS.

A FREEMAN who was under the protection of the abbot of *Bury*, and had 30 acres of land with a carucate and an acre of meadow, and 9 freemen held under him 20 acres; at the survey *Goscelin* possessed it as a moiety of a carucate, valued at 5*s.* the soc of these 9 freemen was in the King, and the Earl of *Norfolk*; here was a church endowed with 20 acres of free land, also a freeman in King *Edward's* time with 8 acres of land and 2 bovates, under protection, valued at 12*d.*[2]

Gosceline abovementioned was also lord of *Loddon*, and assumed his name from that town;[3] the last of this family of *De Loddon* dying without issue male, his inheritance came to his three sisters and coheirs; *Amicia*, one of them, marrying *William de Beauchamp*, had an interest herein, and his descendant, *John de Beauchamp*, of *Fishyde*, granted in the 7th of *Edward* II. to *Simon de Herdeset* and *Cecilia* his wife, the advowson of this church, which came to him by heirship, on the death of his father, *Roger de Beauchamp*.

Gosceline de Lodnes, as the register of *Bury* testifies, was enfeoffed of one carucate of land, 5 villains, and 5 bordarers, by abbot *Baldwin*, in the reign of the Conqueror; and in the 8th of *Richard* I. a fine was levied between *Sampson*, abbot of *Bury*, and *Ernald de Charnels*, of a manor in *Norton-Subcross*, which he then acknowledged to hold of the abbot, with those of *Ellingham*, *Quidenham*, and *Thurton*, by one fee, and by castle-guard to *Norwich*.

In the 20th of *Henry* III. *Roger de Hales*, *Ralph de How*, *Edward*

[1] Kercheby was the name of the town before there was any church.

[2] Terra Abbat. de Sco. Edmundo.—In Nortuna, i lib ho. comd. xxx. ac. sep. i car. et i ac. pti. et ix iib. hoes sub eo de xx ac. qd. tenet Gosselin. sep. dim. car. val v sol. sup. hos ix. Rex et com. soca. ecclie. xx. ac lib. tre. In ead. lib. ho. comd. T. R. E. viii ac. et ii. bov. val. xiid.

[3] Of this see in Loddon.—Regist. Pincebeck, fol. 18.

Charles, and the Lady *Riveshale*, held here, in *Loddon*, *Hales*, &c. 3 quarters of a fee.

In the reign of *Edward* I. Sir *Roger de Hales*, as one of *Gosceline de Loddon's* heirs had an interest in it, and was patron of a moiety of the church. In the 25th of that King, Sir *John de Beauchamp*, and *Roger de Hales*, levied a fine of the advowson of the church, and agreed for them and their heirs to present by turns.

Godric had the grant of a small fee, consisting of 37 acres and an half, and a carucate, of which 3 freemen of the abbot of *Bennet* of *Holm* were deprived, valued at *5s.* On *Godric's* death it came as an escheat to the Crown, and was granted with the manor of *Heckingham*, of which it was a part, to the Earl *Warren*, as may be there seen, and Sir *Roger de Thurkelby*, a judge, gave it in the reign of *Henry* III. to *Langley* abbey.[2]

In 1428, the temporalities of this convent were valued at 13*s.* 4*d.*

On the Dissolution it was granted to *Thomas Godsalve*, Esq.

Godric had also the grant of 16 acres of land, of which a freewoman was dispossessed; this is placed in the hundred of *Loddon*, as belonging to *Helgheton* manor.

Robert Grenon had 12 acres of land, as part of the demean lands belonging to his manor of *Loddon*, which *Osbert* held of him;[3] this was the manor of *Bacon* in *Loddon*, to which I refer the reader.

Roger Bigot, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, had the grant of 8 acres, out of which *Ulketel*, a freewoman, was ejected, valued at 8*d.*; this is placed in *Loddon* hundred: he also had here 30 acres, of which *Ulchetel* a freeman was deprived, and 2 tenants held it at the survey of the fee of *Ulchetel*: there was always a bordarer, with half a carucate and an acre of a meadow, and a freeman under *Bigot*, with an acre.[4]

The whole town was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 12*d.* gelt.

John de Gernemuth, in the 7th of *Edward* I. had a grant of free warren, in this town, and in *Heckingham*, and in the 2d year of *Edward* II. a fine was levied between *Roger de Hales*, parson of North *Walsham* church, *Ralph de Hales*, querents, *Roger Grys* and *Mirabel* his wife, deforciants, of 3 messuages, 31 acres of land, with marsh ground, and 6*d.* rent here and in *Helmington*.

Ralph de Beaufoe had at the survey, 33 acres, with a carucate and an acre of meadow, of which 2 freemen under the protection of archbishop *Stigand* were deprived, valued at 2*s.*;[5] this was part of *Beaufoe's* manor of *Aldby*, or *Aldeburgh*, (of this see there,) and held by the *Roscelynes*.

Ralf Lord *Baynard* had the grant of 30 acres, possessed before the conquest by a freeman, and of 2 acres and a half of land, with a

[2] Terre Godrici Dapiferi ——In Nortuna. iii lib. hoes. Sci. Benedicti. xxxvii ac. et dim. semp. i car. et val. v. sol. ——Terre Godrici, &c.—In Nortuna, i lib. femina, xvi ac. tre. et p'tinet. in Helgatuna.

[3] Terra Rodbti. Grenonis. —— In Nortuna, ten. ide. (Osbert.) xii ac. de d'nio de Lodnes, et val. xii*d.*

[4] Tra. Rogeri Bigoti.——In Norton, ten. Ulketel i lib femina, de viii ac. et val. viii*d.*—In Nortun, tenuit Ulchetel, lib. ho. xxx ac. tre. m°. tenent ii homines de feudo. Ulchetell, sep. i bor. et dim. car. et i ac. pti. et i lib. ho sub eo i ac. tota. ht. i leug. in long. et dim. in lat. et xii*d.* de g.

[5] Terra R. de Bellofago. ——In Nortuna, ii lib. hoes. comd. T.R.E. xxxiii ac. tc. i. car. et i ac. pti. et val. ii sol.

carucate and 2 acres of meadow, valued at 10*s.* which 2 freemen had possessed;[6] this was part of the Lord *Baynard's* manor of *Kirkeby.*

Besides the different fees abovementioned, the Conqueror had in this town, at the survey, 30 acres of land, which belonged to a freeman of the abbot of St. *Bennet* at *Holm*, and 2 bordarers with half a carucate, and a half acre of meadow, valued at 4*s.* and *Gosceline de Norwich* held it of the King, but now was independant of any lord.[7]

The tenths were 4*l.* 4*s.* 4*d.*—Temporalities of St. *Olaves* priory 6*d.* of *Campsey* priory 18*d.*

The abbot of St. *Bennet's* manor of *Reedham* extended into this town, and in the 3d year of King *Henry* III. there was an agreement made between *Stephen de Redham* and *Robert*, the abbot, whereby *Stephen* was to hold the abbot's land here in *Norton*, by half a mark rent *per ann.* and in the 11th of *Edward* I. *Nicholas*, the abbot, granted to Sir *Bartholomew de Redham*, that if the manor of *Redham* should be recovered of *John de Ingham*, and the manor of *Northon*, of Sir *Thomas de Roscelyn*, that then the abbot should give back to Sir *Bartholomew* the deeds which he gave to the abbot; and by another deed, Sir *Bartholomew* quit claimed to the abbot the homage of Sir *Thomas Roscelyne*, for the manor of *Norton*; dated *A°.* 11 *Edward* I.

This lordship came from the *Reedhams*, to the *Berneys*, with the town of *Reedham*, and so continued, till sold, about the year 1716, to Sir *James Edwards.*

It was valued in 1428, at 6*s.* 8*d.* and in the reign of *Philip* and *Mary* there was a rent issuing out of it, of 4*s.* 8*d.* then belonging to the Bishop of *Norwich*, and formerly to the sacrist of St. *Bennet.*

The cellarer of *Norwich* had also certain rents here in the time of *Henry* VI. by an old grant (most likely) of the *Beaufoes.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Margaret*, and was a rectory. In the 52d of *Henry* III. a moiety of the advowson was granted by *Maud*, widow of *Roger de Hales*, to *Roger*, son of *Walter de Hales*, with lands in *Hale* and *Loddon*, and in the 7th of *Edward* I. *John de Beauchamp* gave his moiety to *Simon de Herdeset* and *Cecilia* his wife.

The rector had at this time a manse, with 50 acres of land, valued at 20 marks; *Peter*-pence 2*s.* 2*d.* carvage 8*d.* and the prioress of *Bungey* had a pension of 3*s. per ann.*

RECTORS.

William de la Corone occurs rector in 1277, and
Roger, son of Sir *Roger de Hales*, in 1313.

1324, *Gregory de Hedersete* was instituted, presented by Sir *Symon de Hederset.* In the 24 of *Edward* III. license was granted to Sir *John de Norwich*, and *Remigius Hedersete*, to give the advowson of

[6] Tre, Rad. Bainardi——In Nortuna, i lib. ho. xxx ac. et ii lib. hoes. ii ac. et dim. sep. i. car. et ii. ac. pti. val. x sol.

[7] Libi. hoes Regis ad nulla. firma. p' tinentes——In Nortuna, i lib. ho. Sci. Benedicti, xxx et ii bor. et dim. car. et dim. ac. pti et val. iiii soc. hoc tenet Goscelinus de Norwic.

this church to the master and chaplain of St. *Mary* of *Raveningham*. Sir *John's* interest herein, came by his mother *Catherine*, wife of Sir *Walter de Norwich*, and a sister of Sir *Symon de Hedersete*, a judge; and Sir *Roger de Hale's* interest herein, was also in Sir *John Norwich*.

In 1350, *William* Bishop of *Norwich* appropriated it to the master and chaplains of *Raveningham*, founded by Sir *John de Norwich*, reserving a pension of 20*s. per annum* to the see, and ordaining a vicarage, valued at 10 marks, and the charter of foundation is dated that year.

In 1387, the chantry at *Raveningham*, for 6 chaplains and a master, was removed by the King's license, and that of *Henry* Bishop of *Norwich*, and by Sir *John de Norwich's* will, to this town; there were then 18 chaplains, and a new fine chapel was built.

VICARS.

In 1350, *John de Lound*, instituted vicar, presented by the custos of *Raveningham* college.
1377, *Adam Smith*. *Ditto*.
1382, *John Hawys*. *Ditto*.
1396, *Adam Smith*, by the master of *Mettingham* college.
1399, *Edmund Waraunt*. *Ditto*.
1402, *Hugh Boum*. *Ditto*.
1416, *William Dereboght*. *Ditto*.
1433, *John Skarlet*. *Ditto*.
1424, *John Westbrook*. *Ditto*.
1446, Mr. *William Dalnegho*. *Ditto*.
1465, *Thomas Trute*. *Ditto*.
1468, *William Ingham*.
Thomas Reynolds, vicar.
1506, *Robert Curteys*. *Ditto*.
1515, *Robert Storys*, vicar, late canon of St. *Olaves* priory.
1536, *Nicholas Stokes*. *Ditto*.
1545, *John Gough*.
1552, *John Whyte*, by the Lady *Joan Denny*, relict of Sir *Anthony Denny*.[8]
1555, *John Baker*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

In 1603, it was served by Mr. *Thomas Lewgar*, a stipendiary curate, who returned in this town and *Raveningham*, 145 communicants.

In the 33d of *Henry* VIII. Sir *Anthony Denny* had a grant of this appropriated rectory; *Roger Castle*, Esq. had it in the 8th of *Elizabeth*, and the curate is said to have the tithe of this town, for officiating here and at *Raveningham*.

The church is a single pile, and thatched, with a round tower and 3 bells; in the chancel is, *azure*, three barrulets, *argent*, and on a canton *gules*, a lion passant, *or*, *Hales*, and *ermin*, a saltier engrailed *gules*, *Botetourt*; also the arms of *England* in a bordure, *argent*.

In the church, St. *Margaret's* tabernacle.

[8] See in Raveningham.

STOCKTON.

WILLIAM DE NOIERS, at the grand survey, was steward of this lordship, for the Conqueror, on the deprivation of *Stigand* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, who was lord before the conquest, and held it as a lay fee, and as a beruite to his manor of *Earsham:* consisting of 2 carucates of land, 3 borderers, 2 carucates in demean, &c. half a carucate among the tenants, and 12 acres of meadow, &c. a mill, 2 runci, 4 cows, &c. and 30 socmen had 3 carucates of land, 8 carucates and 16 acres of meadow; there was a church endowed with 65 acres, 3 borderers, the moiety of a mill, and 12 socmen, with 25 acres, 3 carucates and 6 acres of meadow. There were also in the said town 10 socmen, with 2 carucates and a half of land, and 6 borderers, with 7 carucates and a half, and 8 acres of meadow, &c. and 21 socmen in *Jerpestuna*, who had 120 acres with 8 carucates of meadow; and 8 freemen were added to this lordship who held 12 acres, and half a carucate. It was 2 leucas long, one broad, paid *5s. 4d.* gelt, and was valued in *Earsham.*[9]

It remained in the Crown till King *Stephen* granted it to *Hugh Bigot*, on his being created Earl of *Norfolk; Hugh*, his grandson, Earl of *Norfolk*, married *Maud*, daughter and coheir to the *Marshals* Earls of *Pembroke*, by whom she had *Roger Bigod* Earl of *Norfolk*, and Sir *Ralph*, a younger son, who was enfeoffed of this lordship, and held it under the Earl; to this *Ralph*, *Walter de Shipmeadow*, of *Suffolk*, conveyed by fine, in the 24th of *Henry* III. his right of fishing in the river *Waveny*, between the towns of *Stocton* and *Shipmeadow*, and in the cutting of reed, rush, flag, &c.; he married *Berta*, daughter of the Lord *Furnival*, and died without issue, as did *Roger*, his brother, Earl of *Norfolk;* so that the inheritance came to *Roger Bigot*, eldest son of *Hugh Bigot*, who is said to be chief justice of *England*, and 2d son of Earl *Hugh*.

Roger being thus heir, and Earl of *Norfolk*, confirmed to his brother, Sir *John Bigod*, this lordship, and in the 15th of *Edward* I. was found to have free warren, the assise, a gallows, &c.; he died in the 35 33d of *Edward* I. when it was found to be held by him in *capite*, of the King. *Roger*, his brother, the Earl, having no children made the King his heir, and disinherited Sir *John* and his children in some disgust: Sir *Henry Spilman* says, that the Earl being indebted to him,

[9] Tre Stigandi Epi. quas custodit W. dec Noiers in manu regis. Stoutuna tenu it s. p. beruwita T. R. E. in Ersam ii. car tre. et iii. bord. tc. ii. car. in dnio. p. et mo. i. semp. dim. car. hom. xii. ac. p'ti silva. iiii. porc. et i. mol. et ii. r. et iiii. an. et iiii. por. et xxx. soc. iii. car. t're. semp. viii. car. et xvi. ac. p'ti. et in eccl. i. eccl'ia. lxv. ac. et iii. bor. et dim. mol. et xii. soc. xxv. ac. sep. iii. car. et vi. ac. p'ti.--Jacent etiam in Stoutuna x. soc. ii. car. t're. et dim. sep. vi. bord. et. vii. car. et dim. et viii. ac. p'ti silva xvi. porc. et xxi. soc. in Jerpestuna, cxx. ac. tc. viii. car. mo. v. et v. ac. p'ti et viii. lib. ho'es. additi sunt huic maserio, et ht. xii. ac. et dim. car. Tota Stoutuna. ht. ii. leug. in longo et i. leu. in lat. et v. sol. et. iiiid. de gelto.

he was too pressing on that account. He left by *Isabel* his wife a son, Sir *Ralph*. Sir *John* is said to have borne these arms, *or*, on a cross, *gules*, five escallops, *argent*.

Sir *Ralph Bigod* proved his age in the 34 of *Edward* I. had livery, and was living in the 3d year of King *Edward* III.

Sir *Ralph Bigot*, son of Sir *Ralph*, sold in the 16th of *Edward* III. to *Roger*, son of Sir *Edmund de Soterley*, 11*s.* 6*d.* rent *per ann.* with the rent of 1500 herrings in *Giselham, Soterley*, &c.; he is said to have married *Idonea*, daughter and coheir of *Robert Hertford* of *London*, and was living in 21st of *Edward* III.

Sir *John Bigod* was his son and heir, and died lord about the year 1390, father of Sir *Ralph*, who married *Elizabeth*, daughter and coheir of Sir *Thomas Mortimer*, of *Attleburgh*, by whom he had a daughter and heir, *Elizabeth*. Sir *Ralph's* will is dated at *Geldeston, February* 20, 1415, and proved in 1416, *September* 10; she survived him, and married to her 2d husband, *Henry Pakenham*, Esq. and to her 3d, *Tho. Manning*, Esq.; by her will, proved in 1463, she was buried in the *Augustine*-friars church of *Norwich*, and gave to her husband *Manning*, her manors in *Elingham Magna*, &c.

Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir *Ralph Bigot*, brought it by marriage to *William Garneys*, Esq. son of *Robert Garneys*, Esq. and *Aveline* his wife: his will is dated *February* 18, *ao.* 8 *Henry* V. whereby he gives to *Elizabeth*, his wife, this lordship, and the soke of *Stockton*, with the manor of *Berys* in *Geldeston*, &c. for life, and at her death to *Ralph*, his son and heir; names *Robert* his son, and, *Margaret* his daughter, to whom he gives legacies, and to *Peter Garneys*, Esq. his brother; also, to *Ralph* his son, after his wife's death, the manors of *Redesham* and *Barsham*, &c. in *Suffolk*, and that of *Weston*, to *Robert* his son, late *Edmund de Redesham*, and *William Barsham's*, which his father bought: his will was proved *April* 6, 1425.[1]

Ralph Garneys, Esq. of *Kenton* in *Suffolk*, inherited it, but died *s. p.* in 1446; and in the said year, *Edmund Swathing*, Esq. conveyed by fine, his right in this lordship to *William de la Pole* Marquis and Earl of *Suffolk*; and in the following year, *Simon Brayles*, clerk, &c. conveyed it with the soke of *Stockton*, and the manor of *Geldeston*, as trustee, when it was settled on the said Marquis, and *Alice*, his wife.

After this, in the first year of *Edward* IV. the aforesaid *Alice*, then Dutchess, and *John*, her son, Duke of *Suffolk*, was querents in a fine, and *Margaret Swathing*, *Thomas Sharington*, *Amabil Morpeth*, and *William Garneys* and *Maud* his wife, deforcients, (as heirs to *Ralph Garneys*) surrender their interest herein.

I have seen a particular grant of this *Alice*, as follows:——

"Know all myne executors, and all folks, that I *Alyse*, Dutchess of "*Suffolk*, have geven and granted to my dere and well-beloved sone "*John*, Duke of *Suffolk*, and to my Lady *Elizab.* his wife, sister to our "Soveryne Lord, King *Edward* 4, all my stuffe of plate of silver and "gilte, and of gold, and all my beddys of cloth of gold, and of silk, and "of arras, and of tapestre work, &c. with God's blessing and myne "for ever. Dated at *Eye, October* 8, *ao.* xi. *Edward* 4. In witness "of which thinge, to this my dede and graunte, signed of my hande "I have sett my seale, *ALYCE.*"

[1] Regist. Hurning No w. p. 2. fol. 136.

Thomas Sharington, Esq. abovementioned, was lord of *Cranworth* in *Norfolk*, son of *Henry Sharington*, Esq. who married *Elizabeth*, a daughter and heir of *Edmund de Swathing*.

On the attainder of *Edmund de la Pole* Earl of *Suffolk*, it came to the Crown, and was granted by King *Henry* VIII. to *Charles Brandon* Duke of *Suffolk*, and on his death, to Lady *Ann* of *Cleves*, and she held it in the second year of King *Edward* VI. then the divorced wife of king *Henry* VIII.

After this, it was again in the Crown, and Queen *Elizabeth* possessed it with the soke, valued in 1570, at 49*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.* and was farmed of her by Mr. *Smith*, of *Winston*, paying a free farm rent. The soke took in the manors of *Ellingham*, *Gillingham*, *Geldeston*, *Winston*, *Wyndele*, and *Kirkby-Cam*: the court baron and lete for the soke, were then annually kept on St. *Margaret's* day; and the custom of the manor, &c. was, that the bailiff, or any tenant of the same, might take distress in the soken of any man, either dwelling or having goods within the same, (the debt being under 40*s.*) and have the action tried on St. *Margaret's* day; the sheriff of the county could not arrest within the soken, but break the writ, and direct the warrant to the bailiff of the manor, who executed it: by their charter they are not to serve at assise or sessions, and all the tenants have liberty to common, in the fen called *Micklefen*, which lyeth in *Geldeston* and *Ellingham*.

On the first of *July*, in the 3d of *James* I. this manor and soke were granted to *Charles* Duke of *York*, the King's son; and in the 17th of King *Charles* I. was held in fee-farm rent of him, by *Simon Smith*, Esq.

The tenths were 6*l.* 5*s.* Deducted 2*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*——Temporalities of *Langley* abbey, 3*s.* 1*d. ob.*

The lordship of *Kirkeby* extended into this town.

The CHURCH is a rectory. In the reign of *Edward* I. *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*, and Earl-*Marshal*, as capital lord, was patron, and it was then valued at 12 marks; the rector had a manse with 30 acres of land; paid *Peter*-pence, 12*d.* Carvage, 6*d. q.* and it is dedicated to St. *Michael*.

RECTORS.

In 1315, *Walter de Beumetel* was instituted, presented by the Lady *Alice de Hannonia* Countess of *Norfolk*, late wife of Earl *Roger*.

1330, *Nicholas de la Burgh*, by *Thomas de Brotherton* Earl of *Norfolk*.

1349, *Jeffrey de la Hay*, by *Mary* Countess of *Norfolk*.

1365, *Hervey de Welham*, by *Walter* Lord *de Manny*.

1375, *James Sampson*, by Lady *Margaret*, Countess of *Norfolk*.

1396, *Matthew Aylmer*. *Ditto*.

1402, *Nicholas Essex*, by the King, on the minority of *Thomas* Lord *Mowbray*.

1402, *Thomas Young*. *Ditto*.

Laurence Baldware, rector about 1440.

1446, *John Hatfield*, by *John* Duke of *Norfolk*, on the resignation of *Thomas Wright*. *John* Duke of *Norfolk*, patron in the first of *Edward* IV.

In 1505, *John Pinchebeke* died rector, and was buried in the college church of *Mettingham*, and gave 11 acres of land in *Kirkeby* field, to his successours, with one acre and half in *Winston* field, to keep every year a certain and yere-day with messe and dirige; and to the church of *Stockton*, 11 acres of land in *Winston;* from the *Mowbrays* it came to the *Howards* Dukes of *Norfolk*, who were patrons.[a] *John Sale*, rector, *ao.* 15.

Amos Stalworthy, rector, presented by the Duke of *Norfolk*, returned 41 communicants in 1603, died rector, and was succeeded in 1611, by

John Fake; and
Ralph Ward was rector in 1616.
Nicholas Page, in 1631, and
William Stanard, in 1634.
Robert Randall died rector in 1731, and
Benjamin Page, then presented by *John Anstis*, Esq. Garter, King at Arms.

1758, *Valentine Lumley*, by *Valentine Lumley*, Gent.

The present valor is 8*l.* and is discharged; the patronage is in the Duke of *Norfolk*, who is lord.

In the chancel, on a gravestone with a brass plate,

Hic jacet Johs. Sale, S.T.B. in medicinâ licentiatus, egregiè in utraq; facultate doctus, legum insuper quas vocant communium non mediocriter peritus, qui postquam hic Stockton rector animarum curæ diligenter et fideliter p. quinquennium inservisset, ac tantum non collapsas rectoriæ ædes suis solis sumptibus instaurasset, isto sub marmore conditus est, 5 Martij,—15.

In the chancel, on a gravestone,

Orate p. a' ia Willi. Wright, qui obt. 25, die Maij, 1513.

In the church, these arms; *argent*, a lion rampant, *gules*, bruised with a ragged staff, *or*, *Steward*, impaling *azure*, on a bend, *wavy*, or, three birds, *sable*, in a bordure of the second, with torteaux, *Read*, and

Orate pro bono statu Augustini Steward, civis et aldermanni Norwici, 1535.

Vert, a cheveron, between three eagles, *or*, *Fineaux*, impaling *Paston*. *Hobart*, impaling *Fineaux*. *Godsalve*. *Bigod* of *Stockton*, also *Carvil*.

William Wright, of this town, buried in the church 1513, gives to the commoners of *Stockton*, 6*l.* on condition that they can find means to get more friends, and purchase as much land as shall purchase the whole fee. *Reg. Johnson, fol.* 226.

[a] Reg. Rix. Norw. fol. 307.

RAVENINGHAM.

RALPH LORD BAYNARD had on the conquest, the grant of a lordship, of which *Torn* was deprived; and *Einbold* held it under the Lord *Baynard* at the survey. In *Torn's* time it contained 2 carucates of land, 3 villains, 6 borderers, and 2 servi, there was one carucate in demean, &c. half a carucate among the tenants, pannage for 5 swine, with 8 acres of meadow, &c. Fifteen socmen had 56 acres of land, with 3 carucates and an acre of meadow, valued then at 30*s.* at the survey at 50*s.* it was one leuca long, and 9 furlongs and an half broad, and paid 12*d.* gelt. The said lord had also the grant of the lands of a free man, with 30 acres and 3 borderers, with a carucate and 3 acres of meadow; *Robert* claimed this man, and had livery of him. In the said town there were 4 freemen who held 30 acres, and a carucate of land, valued at 20*s.* but at the survey at 30*s.*

A family who took their name from the town, were enfeoffed of it by the *Bigots*, the capital lords; *Robert de Raveningham* was lord in the reign of *Henry* II. *Thomas*, his son, held a whole fee here and was not a knight, as was found. In the 6th of King *John*, *William de Raveningham* (as appears from the Pipe Rolls) was found to owe 20*s.* to the King, to have 24 knights summoned to convene 12 jurors on account of perjury in an assise of presentation to this church. *Roger de Raveningham* was living in the 20th of *Henry* III. and in the 3d of *Edward* I. *Robert de Raveningham*, son of *Thomas*, conveyed by fine to *Peter de Beccles*, a lordship in this town, which was conveyed by the said *Peter*, in the 9th of that King, to *Nicholas de Castello*, or *Castell:* he was son of *Walter de Castello*. In the 4th of *Edward* I. he was clerk in the King's Exchequer, when the King wrote to the treasurer and chamberlain of the Exchequer, to deliver out of the treasury to his beloved clerk, *Richard de la Leye*, chancellor of the Exchequer, 20*l.* to *John St. Walery* and *Rog. de Northwood*, barons, 20*l.* each, to *Richard de Hereford*, clerk, 10*l.* and to Mr. *Nicholas de Castello*, clerk, 10*l.*[4] In the 6th of that reign he was the King's remembrancer in the Exchequer, and delivered out 14*l.* and half a mark, for *William de Penchester*, his allowance for *Easter* term, as keeper of *Dover* castle.

He farmed, in the 10th of the said King, the hundreds of *Humbleyard*, *Blofield*, *Taverham*, and *Walsham*, during the King's pleasure, at 28*l. per ann.* and in the said year brought lands in this town of *Walter de Mortimer* and *Julian* his wife.

T're Radi. Bainardi—Ravenich am, ten. Einbold. qd. tenuit Torn. T. R. E. ii car. t're. sep. iii villi. et vi bor. tc. ii ser. tc. et p. i car. in d'nio. mo. i car. et dim. sep. dim. car. ho'um. silv. v por. viii ac. p'ti. mo. i. r. et iiii por. et xv soc. lvi ac. sep. iii car. et i ac. p'ti. tc. val. xxx sol. mo. l. et ht. i leug. in long. et ix qr. et dim. lat. et xii*d.* de. g. In Ravincham, i lib ho. xxx ac. et iii bor. tc. et p. i. car. mo. dim. alia car. posset restaurari iii ac. p'ti. hunc etiam calumpniatr. Rob .[4] et ht. libatore. in eade. iiii libi. ho'es xxx ac. et car tr'e. tc. xx sol. mo. xxx.

[3] Madox Hist. of the Exchcq.

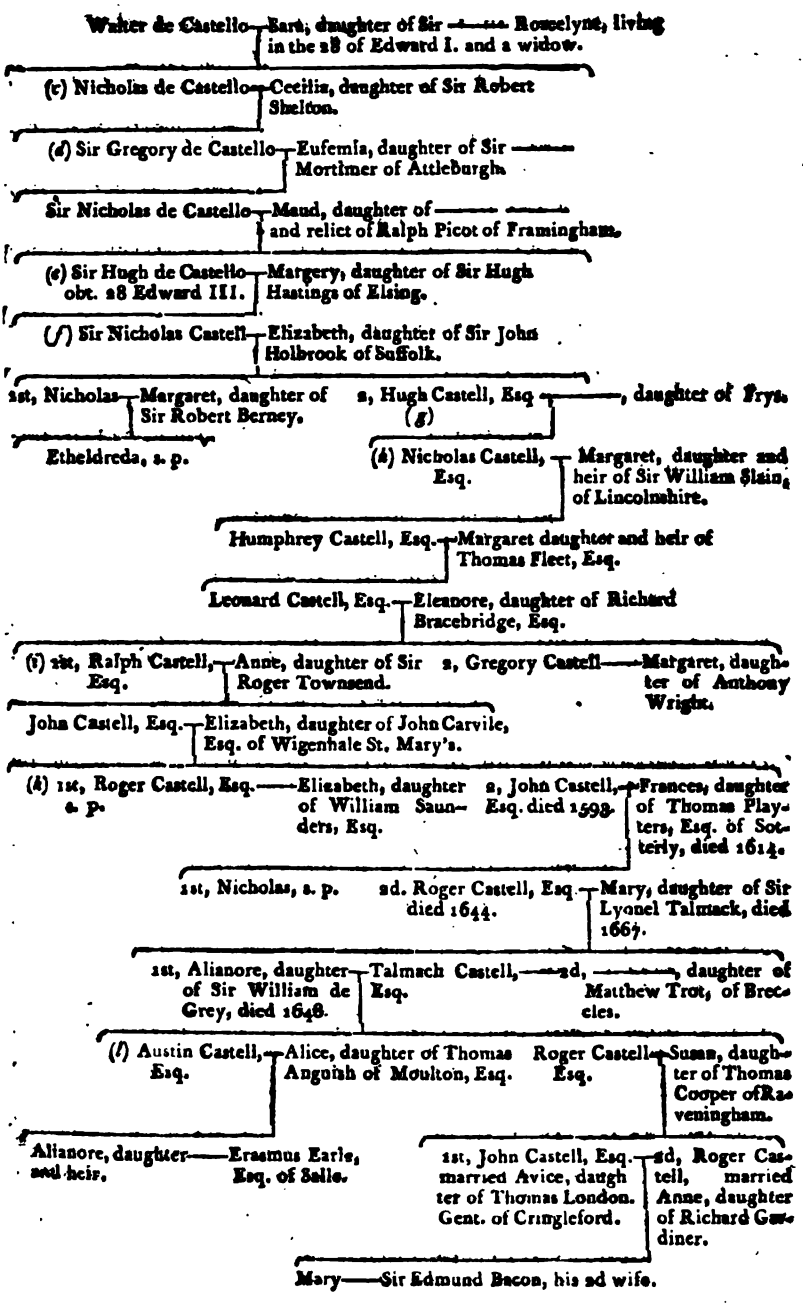
[4] Robert, son of Corbun.

Sir *Nicholas de Stutevile*, in the 16th of that reign, conveyed to him, the manor of *Badingham*: he seems also to have been in the 14th of that King a baron of the Exchequer; when *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk* performed homage in the Exchequer, to the Bishop of *Ely*, for lands held of him, before *Thomas de Weyland*, justice of the Common Pleas, *Philip Willoughby*, chancellor, *John Cobham*, *William Grandison*, and *Nicholas de Castello*, barons, &c. and was lord of *Horningtoft*, in *Norfolk*, in the 18th of *Edward* I.

Of this family was *Robert de Castello*, living in the reign of King *Richard* I. and *Henry de Castello* and *R. de Castello* his brother *A°.* 43 *Henry* III. also *Bartholomew de Castello*, to whom, and *Richard de Bamfield*, guardians of the Exchequer, that King, in his 52d year, gave orders that they should, out of the profits of the Exchequer, make satisfaction to foreign merchants, paying 380*l.* marks, for which his jewels were pawned; this *Bartholomew* is said to have built the refectory for the Gray-friars, at their convent by *Newgate*, in *London*, and in the 56th and 57th, was warden of the Mint, and in the 1st of *Edward* I. presented *Bartholomew de Brancestre* to make the assay of money.

The pedigree of this family, as collected from old writings, &c. is as follows; but being in some things erroneous, I have from many ancient records corrected it. See in *Horningtoft*, *Launditch* hundred.

CASTELLO'S PEDIGREE.



(c) *Cecilia de Castell*, by deed *sans date*, tied her manor here to pay to Sir *Symon de Hederset* 100*s*. *per ann.* with a robe of 20*s*. In the 28th of *Edward* I. Sir *Symon de Hederset*, and *Cecilia* his wife were querents, and *Nicholas de Castillo* deforciant, of a messuage, 100 acres of land, and 10*s*. rent in East *Greenwich*, *Comb*, and *Charleton* in *Kent*, which *Sarah*, relict of *Walter de Castello*, held for life, and granted to Sir *Symon* by fine. *John de Castello* and *Joan* his wife in the 30th of *Edward* I. grant to *John Abel* and *Margaret* his wife all the manor of *Pomfret's* in *Stebunhithe* (*Stepney*) in *Middlesex*, for 30*l*. sterling, and in the preceding year, *Gregory de Castello*, as a trustee, settled on *Nicholas* and *Cecilia* his wife 21 messuages, 700 acres of land, 14 of meadow, 8 of wood, 94 of marsh, 77 of juncary with 10*l*. 6*s*. rent in *Raveningham*, *Hales*, *Loddon*, &c. for their lives.

(d) In the 13th of *Edward* II. this lordship was settled on *Gregory de Castello* and *Eufemia* his wife for life, remainder to *Nicholas*, son of *Gregory*, in tail. Sir *Nicholas* married *Maud*, daughter of ———— ————, and relict of *Ralph Pigot* of *Framingham Pigot*, and held one fee of *Robert* Lord *Fitz-Walter*, as is said.

Mary, daughter of *John Castell*, Esq.; of *Raveningham*, married Sir *Edmund Bacon*, Bart. of *Gillingham*, his 2d wife, and had the impropriate of *Raveningham*, and *Norton*: the *Dennys* conveyed it to the *Castells*.

Anthony Castells, Esq. married a daughter of Sir *Roger Townsend*, the judge living in Queen *Elizabeth*, or *Henry* the Eighth's time.

(e) Of this Sir *Hugh* I find no proof.—*Nicholas*, son of Sir *Gregory* was living in the 7th of *Edward* III. and sealed with three castles, in three roundles; and in the 12 of that King, Sir *Gregory Castello*, the father, and *Eufemia*, his wife, settled by fine the manor of *Bedingham* on *Nicholas* their son (f) and *Christiana* his wife, daughter of *Jeffrey de Medleton*. This Sir *Nicholas* and *Christiana* had *Nicholas* their son and heir, on whom the manor of *Bedingham* was also settled; he married *Margaret*, daughter of Sir *Robert Berney* of *Wichingham*, by whom he had *Etheldreda*, a daughter and heir, who married first *Thomas Lucas* of *Holkham*, Esq. and secondly *Thomas Payne* of East *Derham*. Sir *Nicholas* was collector of the aid, in the 20th of *Edward* III. and held then of Sir *John de Norwich*, half a fee and Sir *John*, of *Constantine de Mortimer*.

(g) *Hugh Castell*, Esq. 2d son of Sir *Nicholas* and *Christiana* his wife, was heir to his elder brother, *Nicholas*, and died about the 28th of *Edward* III. he is said to marry - - - - -, daughter of - - - - - *Frys* - - - - - - -. *Hugh de Castello* presented to *Horningtoft* in 1349.

(h) *Nicholas Castell*, Esq. son of *Hugh*, was lord in the 3d of *Henry* IV. and died about the 31st of *Henry* VI. and *Humphrey* his son was lord in the 37th of *Henry* VI. on *July* 24, 1461, he made his will at *Raveningham*. Of this family was *Nicholas Castell* of this town, who by his will in 1490, was buried in the presbytery of the abbey-church of *Langlee*, by the tomb of *Elizabeth* his wife, and gives to the repair of the abbey cloister 20*l*. also a vestment of bawdekyn.[6] *Nicholas de Castell* presented to *Hetherset* in 1370. *Leonard Castell*, Esq. lord on his father *Humphrey's*, death, 1461.

(f) Nich. de Castello, presented to Horningtoft, 1336, and Sir Nich. in 1349.

[6] Reg. Typp's Norw. fol. 40.

(*l*) *Ralph*, son and heir of *Leonard Castell*, Esq. died before his father. *John*, his son and heir, by his will dated *April* 10, 1551, and proved *January* 24, following, was found to hold this lordship of the Earl of *Sussex*, valued at 30*l. per ann.* appoints *Thomas Kervile*, Esq. his executor, and was buried in the church of *Raveningham*, gives to *Roger* his son and heir, his lordships of *Leverton*, *Leke*, *Freston*, and *Wintherpe*, in *Lincolnshire*.[7] *John* left by *Elizabeth* his wife 3 daughters, *Mary*, who married *Humphrey Bedingfeld*, Esq. *Martha*, who married *Owen Hobart*, Esq. of *Morley*, and *Grisel* to *Roger Townsend* of *Twyford*, Esq.; *Roger*, son and heir of *John*, died *s. p.* about 1578, and was succeeded by his brother *John Castell*, Esq.

(*l*) On the death of *Augustine Castell*, Esq. without issue male, *Roger Castell* his brother recovered the estate, against *Alianore*, the daughter and heir: this *Roger* married *Susan*, daughter of *Thomas Cooper* of *Raveningham*, and was father of *John Castell*, Esq. who by *Avice* his wife, daughter of *Thomas London* of *Aldey*, also of *Roger*, his second son, who married *Anne*, daughter of *Richard Gardiner* of *Cranford* in *Suffolk*.

In 1742, *John Castell*, Esq. was lord, and bears *argent*, three castles, triple-towered *gules*; crest a dragon's head.

The abbot of *Langley* had a lordship held of the Lord *Fitz-Walter*, a descendant of the Lord *Bainard*, lord at the survey, given with lands by several benefactors; Sir *Roger de Hales*, *Jeffrey de Mortimer*, *John*, son of *Robert de Mortimer*, &c.—*William de Vernun* of *Raveningham* gave lands in this town and *Norton*, with *Eve* his wife; she was after the wife of *Roger de Thaseburgh*, and *Robert de Vernun* her son, confirmed the gift of his mother and *Roger de Thaseburgh*, *s. d.*

Their temporalities valued in 1428, at 226*s.* 3*d.* and granted at the Dissolution to *Thomas Godsalve*, Esq.

DEAN AND CHAPTER OF NORWICH'S FEE.

William de Beaufoe Bishop of *Thetford* had a grant from King *William* I. of 30 acres of land, and half a carucate, valued at the survey at 3*s.*[8] held by two bordarers, of which a freeman was deprived who was under the protection of *Ailmer* Bishop of *Elmham*, which Bishop *Beaufoe* held as a lay fee, and gave it at his death to his church or see, and so became part of the revenues of the dean and chapter at this time.

In 1298, there was a composition between the prior and convent of *Norwich*, for two parts of the great and small tithes of the demean lands of *Robert*, late son of *Thomas Baynard*, held by *Nicholas de Castello*, paying yearly to the almoner 40*s.* and was farmed by the rector of this church.[9]

The temporalities of this fee was held by the Lords *Bardolf* of the see; before them, by the family of *De Ages*. *William*, son of Sir *William de Ages*, had an interest here, as by a deed *sans date*. *John de Ages* gave to *Jeffrey de Mortimer*, rector of this church, a certain

[7] Reg. Corant, Norw.

[8] Terre Willi. epi. Tedfordensis de Sudo.—In Ravincham, i. lib. ho Ailmari epi. comd. xxx. ac. et ii. bord et dim car. et val. iii. sol.

[9] Regist. 2 Eccles Norw.

homage, and was living in the reign of *Henry* III. as *James de Ages* was, who held a quarter of a fee of the Lord *Bardolf*, and *Thomas de Ages* had the same in the 20th of *Edward* III.—At this time there is a lordship that bears this name.

At the grand survey, King *William* had a considerable lordship, of which *Godric* was his steward.[1] *Olf* was lord in King *Edward's* time and deprived, and after him *Robert Malet* had an interest in it; it consisted of 3 carucates of land, one villain and 2 borderers, 2 carucates in demean, with 6 acres of meadow, 13 swine, and 200 sheep.

Eleven freemen belonged to the lord's fold, and held in commendation 64 acres and an half, with 4 carucates and 3 acres of meadow. Three socmen had 4 acres, valued in King *Edward's* time, at 30s. at the survey it paid 60s. quitrent. *Ketelfreda* had 7 acres with a marsh valued at 12*d*.

This lordship remained sometime in the Crown, and then was granted to the Earl *Warren* on an exchange for other lands: the ancient family of *De Mortimer* held it under the Earl *Warren*. Sir *William de Mortimer* possessed it before the reign of *Henry* II. lord also of *Attleburgh*. Sir *Robert de Mortimer* was living in the time of *Henry* II. and was succeeded by his son *William*, who was father of Sir *Robert*, who in the 5th of King *John*, was lord; and in a plea about the right of presentation to this church, was found to be the grandson of Sir *Robert de Mortimer* who presented the last rector to this church.

In the 4th of *Edward* I. Sir *William de Mortimer* recovered the advowson, against *Robert de Raveningham*, after this it came to the *Roscelines*: Sir *Peter de Rosceline* was lord in the year 1312, and presented then to this church; Sir *Thomas*, his son and heir; but being in the rebellion (as the *Norwich* Institution Book declares) in 1325, the King presented then.

Soon after it was conveyed by Sir *Thomas Rosceline*, by deed, dated at *Norwich*, on the feast of St. *Fabian* and St. *Sebastian*, in the 6th of *Edward* III. to *Dame Katerine*, relict of Sir *Walter de Norwich*, and Sir *John*, son of the said *Walter*; and to *Remigius (de Hederset)* brother of the same *Dame Katerine*, this lordship, and the homage and service of Sir *Gregory de Castello*, Knt.[2] which he owes to him for lands and tenements, which formerly were *Roger de Raveningham's* in *Ravenyngham*, *Tibenham*, *Thurton*, *Lodne* and *Norton*, together with the advowson of the church of *Ravenyngham*, &c. Witnesses, Sir *Roger de Kerdeston*, Sir *Anselm le Mareschal*, Sir *Symon de Hederset*, Sir *Edward de Baconsthorp*, Sir *John de Caylly*, Sir *John Fitz-Symon*, knights, &c.

Sir *Gregory de Castello*, and *Nicholas* his son, did homage to the same *Dame Katerine*, for half a knight's fee, on *Ash Wednesday*, *ao.* 7 *Edward* III. in the presence of Sir *Symon de Hederset* and others.

Sir *Walter de Norwich* was one of the barons of the Exchequer, constituted *locum tenens* of the treasurer of the Exchequer, in the 5th of *Edward* II. till the King could provide one, and in the said year, on

[1] Terre Regis qua. Godricus servat. ——Raveningham, ten. Olf ho. antecessoris Robti. Malet, iii. car. tre. sep. i. vill. et ii. bor, tc. ii. car. in dnio, p'. et m°. i. vi. ac. pti. viii porc. et cc. ov. et xi. lib. hoes. soca falde. et comd. lxiiii. ac et dim. tc. iii. car. p'. ii. m°. ii car. et dim. et iii. ac. pti. et iii. soc. iiii. ac. tc val. xxx. sol m°. lx. blancas. in ead. i lib. ho Ketelfreday .vii. ac. et i. mares. et val. xd.

[2] Regist. Coll. Metyngham, fol. 38.

October 25, admitted one of the privy council. By *Chatherine* his wife, he had Sir *John de Norwich*, his eldest son and heir, who in 1350, founded a college here, and settled this lordship, &c. on it, as will be after shewn.

Another considerable lordship was granted on the conquest, to *Roger*, son of *Renard*, of which *Oshern* was deprived, a thane of King *Edward*, containing 2 carucates and 2 acres and a half of land, 2 villains, 2 servi, one carucate in demean, one among the tenants, 8 acres of meadow, 5 swine, 4 cows, &c. 5 socmen had 13 acres; and there was a church endowed with 60 acres; the whole valued at the survey at 40*s*. before at 20*s*.[3]

The son and heir of *Fitz-Renard* assumed the name of *Hadeston*, formerly a town, but now the chief manor in *Bunwell*, and was held by them of the Earl *Warren*, as is said; it seems that the *Mortimers* had rather an interest in it, and were enfeoffed of it by that Earl, and continued in that family till it came to the *Roscelines*, and Sir *Thomas de Rosceline* conveyed it to Dame *Katerine de Norwich*, and her son Sir *John*, in the 6th of *Edward* III. and the said Sir *John*, on his founding a college here, settled it on that college, where it continued till its dissolution.

Roger Bigot, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, had a grant of 12 acres of land, held by a freeman, of which *Alwin* was seized, when the King granted it to *Roger*, and was valued in his lordship of *Haddesco*.[4]

In the 35th of *Edward* I. *John de Dunhedd*, and *Isabel de Haggele*, held in this town, *Waketon*, *Lodne*, and *Kirkby*, &c. 3 fees, &c. of *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*.

Ralph de Beaufoe had one socman with one acre of land, valued at 2*d*.; this belonged to his lordship of *Aldby*, in this hundred.[5]

Alan, Earl of *Richmond*, had the grant of 30 acres of land, which a freeman of King *Edward* was deprived of, with a borderer, valued at 5*s*.[6]

Here was also belonging to the King's manor, a freeman, who before the conquest, held his land independent of any lord; this freeman, called *Chetel Frieday*, had 7 acres and a borderer, a marsh valued at 12*d*. *Ralph*, the late Earl of *Norfolk*, held it when he was outlawed; it belonged to his fee then, and after, but paid no service to him or to the King, at the survey, as he proved;[7] this was for the maintenance of the lord. Under the title of invasions, we find that *Ralph*, late Earl of *Norfolk*, had a freeman who held 3 acres under him, and that *Nicholas*, the goldsmith of *Hugh* Earl of *Chester*, had

[3] Terre Rogerij filij Renardi.——Ravelincham ten. Osb'nus teinus T. R. E. ii car. t're. et ii ac. et dim. tc. ii villi. mo. iii. tc. ii ser. semp. i car. in d'nio. et i car. poſſet fieri et i car. ho'u'. viii ac. p'ti. silv. v por. tc. iiii an. mo. xii por. et v soc. xiii ac. et i eccl'a. lx ac. tc. val. xx. sol. mo. xl.

[4] Terra Rogeri Bigoti——In Raveningham tenuit i lib. ho. xii ac. T. R. E. de quo Aluuin. erat seisitus quando Rog. recepit t'ra' illius, hoc e. in p'tio de Hatescou id'. R. tenet.

[5] Terra R. de Bellofago—In Ravincha. i soc. i ac. et val. ii*d*.

[6] Terra Alani Comitis, in Ravincham i lib. ho. Regis E. xxx ac. et i bor. et valet v sol.

[7] Libi. ho'es Regis ad nulla' firma' p'tinentes—In Ravincham i lib. ho. Chetel friedai vii ac. et i bor. et i maresc. et val. xii*d*. hoc e. de feudo Comitis R. et erat mensa ejusd, mancrij qu' R. forisfecit p. ea tenuit terram sua' ita qd. nullu' servitiu' reddit regi, et ex hoc dedit vadem.

seized on it, valued at 6*d.* but at the survey was in the Conqueror's hand, and granted (as I take it) after to the Earl *Warren*, and so united to his lordship abovementioned.[8]

William de Noiers took care of 30 acres of land, with a carucate and half an acre of meadow, of which 3 freemen of Archbishop *Stigand* were deprived; this belonged to the King's manor of *Toft*, and was valued with it.[9]

RAVENINGHAM-COLLEGE

Was founded by Sir *John de Norwich*, eldest son of Sir *Walter de Norwich*, and *Catherine* his wife, in 1350, for a master and 8 secular priests, to officiate in the church of *Raveningham*, and was dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*; in his foundation deed he expresses himself in these words: *Calling frequently to mind that saying of the apostle, that what seed a man shall sow, the same shall he reap, &c. for his own soul's health, and that of Margaret, his wife for the honour of God and his mother, St. Andrew the apostle, and all the saints; he founds it by deed, dated at Thorp, by Norwich, July 25, 1350.*

This Sir *John* was vice-admiral of *England*, and had by *Margaret* his wife, *Walter*, his son and heir, also 2 brothers, Sir *Thomas* and Sir *Roger de Norwich*, and a sister, *Margaret*, who married, first Sir *Thomas Cailey*, and after, *Robert Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk*.

Sir *Roger* aforesaid, by his testament, dated on *Wednesday* in *Whitsunday*-week, and proved *June* 26, 1371, appoints to be buried in *Raveningham* church, by the tomb of his brother; his executors to buy a good piece of marble, to be ornamented with brass, his arms in the middle of it, round the verge, his name, and the time of his death; gives to the master of *Raveningham* College, 6 marks, to find a chaplain to celebrate for his soul, the souls of his father and mother, and brother *Thomas*, for one year, at the altar, where he lies buried; to Sir *John de Norwich*, his nephew, one paltock of velvet with his arms; to the Lady *Margaret*, relict of Sir *Walter de Norwich*, 2 silver bowls, of 4 pound weight, and 2 silver pots; the residue of his goods to be at the disposal of the said Lady *Margaret*, and his executors. And further orders, that the apostolical letter which he had for a plenal absolution from all punishment and crimes, be placed just over his head in his sepulchre, on the day of his burial.

Sir *Walter*, son and heir of Sir *John* the founder, married *Margaret*, daughter of Sir *Miles Stapleton*, of *Ingham*, and was father of Sir *John de Norwich*, who by his testament, dated at *Mettingham-Castle*, in *Suffolk*, in 1373, and proved the last day of *February*, in the said year, appoints his body to be buried in *Raveningham* church, by his father, Sir *Walter*, there to rest, till it could be removed to the new church of *Norton-Coupe-Cors*; to the building of which he gives 450*l.* to his dear mother, Lady *Margaret*, her heirs and assigns, a messuage called *Stone-Hall*, in *Norwich*, late *John Boys's*; to the said lady a

[8] Invasiones — In Ravingeha' i lib. hom. de iii. ac. et erat in censu de Ravingeham qu'. Rad. forisfec. hunc detinuit Nichs. aurifab. Comitis Hugon. et val. vid. mo. e. in manu regis.

[9] T're Stigandi Epi. quas custodit W. de Noiers in manu regis——In Ravincham iii libi. ho'es xxx ac. t're. et i car. et dim. ac. p'ti. et e. in p'tio. de Toft.

diamond ring; to *John Boys*, a silver cup; and to the master of his college here, his red vestment. The Lady *Margaret* was living, as appears by this, in 1378. Sir *John* was the last heir male of this family.

Alianore, his wife, was daughter of *Richard Franceys* - - - - - - - - - - she was his widow in 1374, was a great heiress, and gave in that year to her trustees, Sir *John Avenel*, Sir *Baldwin* St. *George*, &c. all her paternal estate and lands of inheritance in *Wrastlingworth*, in *Bedfordshire*, *Wynepol*, *Orwell*, *Harlston*, *Eversden*, *Malketon*, *Whaddon*, *Cranden*, and *Papworth*, in *Cambridgeshire*.

The college, by the founder Sir *John*, and his heirs, was nobly endowed with the manors of *Lyng*, *How*, *Blackworth*, *Hadeston*, *Snoring Parva*, the advowson and appropriation of this church of *Raveningham*; lands and tenements in East and West *Wretham*, and *Ilington*, *Mettingham-Castle*, the manors of *Ilketeshale*, *Ship-meadow*, *Melles*, *Bromfield*, *Wenhaston* and *Redesham*; lands in *Barsham* and *Beccles*; the reversion of the manor and advowson of *Dalinghow*, and the fifth part of the lordship of *Alderton* in *Suffolk*.

The jury, in a writ of *Quod Damnum*, in the 5th of *Richard* II. find it would not be to the King's prejudice if Sir *John Plais*, Sir *Richard de Boys*, &c. removed this college of 8 chaplains, to *Norton*, and augmented it with 5 more; and in the 11 of *Richard* II. the college was removed from this town to the rectory-house at *Norton*; in the 13th of that King, *Holm-Hall* in *Raveningham* was granted to it; and in his 17th year, Sir *Miles Stapleton*, &c. feoffees, aliened to it 3 messuages, 86 acres of land, 5 of moor, 6 of alder, 12 of reed, and 4s. rent in *Norton*, *Carlton*, *How*, and *Peres-Hall* in *Bunwell*, with the lands in *Hingham*, *Knapton*, and *Brinton*, &c. The advowsons of *Tybenham*, and *Carlton*, *Bunwell*, and *How*.

On the death of Sir *John de Norwich*, the last heir male of this family, *s. p.* the Lady *Catherine de Brews* was found heir to Sir *John*, and the inheritance, as his cousin; being daughter and heir to Sir *Thomas de Norwich*, (son of Sir *Walter* and *Catherine* his wife,) the brother of the founder Sir *John*, and widow of Sir ——— *de Brews*; to this lady, Sir *Roger de Norwich* conveyed the lordship of *Kimberley*, about 1374, who was her uncle. In the 49th of *Edward* III. she confirmed the grants of her ancestors to this college, and settled her inheritance on her trustees, Sir *John de Plaiz*, Sir *Robert Howard*, &c. and being a nun at *Dertford*, in *Kent*, in the first of *Richard* II. and lady of the capital manor of Great *Massingham*, in *Norfolk*, license was granted in the 8th of that King, on *September* 3, to her feoffees, *John Daventry*, parson of *Brome*, *Walter Berkley*, vicar of *Kimberley*, &c. to amortise it to the priory of *Dertford*.

On *July* 5, *ao.* 6 of *Richard* II. license was granted to Sir *Robert Howard*, Sir *John Plaiz*, Sir *Roger Boyes*, &c. to remove the master and the 8 chaplains of this college from *Norton* to the chapel of the castle of *Mettingham*, in *Suffolk*, and to increase the same to 13; to endow them with the said castle, the manor of *Ilketeshall* in *Suffolk*, &c. where it continued till the Dissolution, being surrendered to King *Henry* VIII. on *April* 8, *ao.* 33, and on the 14 of the said month and year, was granted to Sir *Anthony Denney*, with the appropriated rectories of this town, *Norton*, &c. held by his son, *Henry Denny*, Esq. in the 4th of *Elizabeth*.[z]

[z] Chartular. de Mettingh. p. 216.

MASTERS OF THE COLLEGE.

In 1349, *Thomas de Boyton* admitted, presented by Sir *John de Norwich*, and rector of *Raveningham*, as all his successours were.

1355, *Alexander de Boxne*, elected by his brethren, and presented by Sir *John de Norwich*.

1361, *Adam Wyard*, elected and presented by his brethren.

1375, Mr. *John de Carleton Rode*, elected as above; presented by Sir *John de Playz*.

1380, *Roger Withy*. *Ditto*.

1387, *John Burghwode*.

Richard Cratfield occurs master in 1389.

1392, *John Le Neve*, presented by *Robert de Wylughby* Lord *Eresby*.

1403, *John Wilby*, elected *ut supra*; presented by *William* Lord *Eresby*.

Roger Bainbridge occurs master in 1433, and 1442: in his time, on the death of *John* Duke of *Bedford*, the master was found to hold of that Duke, a quarter of a fee in *Ling* and *Fincham*.

William Fransham occurs in 1452, and 1479.

1480, *Robert Wright* admitted; presented by Sir *Richard Hastyns*, Knight

Mr. *Richard Branch*, occurs 1499.

1507, Mr. *Richard Weybred*, elected *September* 25.

Mr. *Richard Shelton*, occurs in 1530, and 1532; he had such skill in water-works, that in 1528, his advice was used in cutting *Yarmouth* haven.

1539, *Thomas Manning*, presented by *Charles* Duke of *Suffolk*, in right of his wife *Catherine*; he was suffragan bishop of *Ipswich*.

The town seems to derive its name from some water or river, called *Raven*; thus *Ravensworth*, and *Ravensfield* in *Yorkshire*, *Ravensborn* a river in *Kent*.

The tenths of the town were 5*l*. 8*s*. 11*d*. Deducted 13*s*. 4*d*.

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Andrew*, and was anciently a rectory, valued at 32 marks.

RECTORS.

Jeffrey de Mortimer was rector in the reign of *Henry* III. had a manse belonging to it with a carucate of land, *Peter*-pence, 14*d*. carvage, 7*d*. *ob*.

Ralph le Butiler occurs rector in 1290. In the 4th of *Edward* I. *Peter de Beccles* conveyed his interest in the advowson to *William de Mortimer*, by fine.

In 1312, *Robert de Langele*, presented by Sir *Peter Rosceline*.

1325, *Gilbert de York*, by the King, on the rebellion of Sir *Thomas de Roscelyne*.

1349, *Thomas de Boyton*, presented by Sir *John de Norwich*, also master of the college here, as all the succeeding rectors were, till the

dissolution of the college. *Catherine*, relict of Sir *Walter de Norwich*, and Sir *John* their son, had license of *Mortmain* to give the patronage to the city of *Norwich*, but this not taking effect, they had a new license to annex it to *Hickling* priory; but *Catherine* dying, Sir *John* had a grant, in 17th of *Edward* III. to give and appropriate it to his college here; *Anthony* Bishop of *Norwich*, on this, reserved the first fruits to his see; and on *July* 24, 1350, Bishop *Bateman* decreed a pension of 36s. *per ann.* to be paid to his see. At the Dissolution the appropriated rectory was granted, as is abovementioned, with the patronage of the curacy, to Sir *Anthony Denny*, and from that family, to *Roger Castell*, Esq. who held it *ao.* 8th *Elizabeth*, in which family it continues, and is served by a stipendiary curate. *See in Norton.*

Thomas Lewgar, curate, returned in 1603, 92 communicants.

The church has a nave, north and south isle, with a chancel covered with lead, and a round tower with 3 bells.

In the chancel lie many gravestones in memory of the *Castels*, &c.

Here lyeth John Castle, Esq. aged 44, *buried April* 16, 1593, *and Frances, his wife, daughter of Thomas Plater, of Soterly in Suffolk, Esq. by whom he had* 4 *sons; Nicholas, Roger, John, Thomas, and* 3 *daughters; Elizabeth, Dorothy and Beatrice; and was buried February* 24, 1614, *aged* 63; with the arms of *Castell* impaling *Platers.*

Roger Castell, Esq. of Raveningham, true owner of the rectories and parsonages of Norton-Subcorse and Raveningham, died May 4, 1582.

Eleanor, late wife of Talmach Castell of Raveningham, Esq. daughter of Sir William de Grey, of Merton in Norfolk, departed, &c. *November* 9, 1648,; with the arms of *Castell* and *Grey, argent,* three barrulets, *azure,* and in chief as many torteaux.

Roger Castell, Esq. second son of John Castell, Esq. brother and heir of Nicholas Castell, Esq. who left 4 *sons; Talmach, Nicholas, John, Roger, and* 2 *daughters, Frances and Mary, was buried September* 3, 1644; and *Castell* impaling *Talmache.*

Mary, late wife of Roger Castell, Esq. second daughter of Lionell Tallemach, of Helmingham in Suffolk, baronet, buried June 23, 1667, *in the* 82 *year of her age.*

Avice, wife of John Castell, gent. departed, &c. *September* 1, 1715, *aged* 54; with the arms of *Castell*, and *London* of *Aldby.*

By the communion table,

Here lyeth Anne, the wife of Roger Castell, junior, and daughter of Richard Gardiner, of Cranford in Suffolk, who died March 2, 1697, *aged* 21 *years.——Avice, wife of John Castell, died September* 1, 1715, *aged* 54.

On the south side of the chancel, by the wall, an altar tomb, and on it a black marble thus inscribed,

Roger Castell, Esq. youngest son of Roger Castell, Esq. and Mary, his wife, daughter of Lionel Talmach, baronet, departed, &c. *January* 17, 1708, *in the* 86 *year of his age, and left* 2 *sons, John and Roger; he was eminent for his loyalty to King Charles the* 1st, *having served him in all the civil war, raised against him.*

On the north side of the nave, between the two upper pillars, a gray marble, with an effigy of brass, &c.

Here lyeth buried under this stone of marbyll
Margaret, sometime wife of Humphrey Castyll,
Late wyfe unto Ralph Willoughby,
Squier for King Richard the third's body.
The yere of God M.CCCC. LXXX. *and three,*
On the IX *of March departed she,*
For whose sowle beseche you hartyly to pray
And devowtly a pater noster and ave to say.

It was ornamented with brass escutcheons; one was lately remaining; on two bars, *gules*, three water budgets, *argent*, *Willoughby*, impaling, a lion rampant, bruised with a bendlet, probably *Bokenham*, or *Branch*.—Near to this,

Orate p. a' ab; Johs. Baspoole, Agnetis et Elene uxor. suar quar. aiab; p' pitietur Deus.

In the north isle,

Tertio die Decemb. 1688, *sepulta fuit Dorethea Denny, uxor Gulielmi Denny, Generosi, A°. Ætat.* 34.

Richard Denny, son of Thomas Denny, Gent. died 22, *Nov.* 1675, *Ætat.* 48.

William Pearse, Gent. died June 22, 1681, *aged* 34.

Dinah Denny, daughter of Glover Denny, died July 10, 1681,

In the south isle,

Mary, wife of Robert Brome, Gent. died 1696.—*Robert Cooper, Gent:* 1706.—*Priscilla, wife of John Cooper,* 1675.—*Elizabeth, wife of Robert Cooper,* 1706.—*William Raveningham, buried in an altar, tomb, in the church-yard, Ao.* 1640, by the end of the north isle.

In the 16th of *Richard* II. it was found that Sir *George Fellbrigg*, &c. might grant a messuage and 160 acres of land here, to the priory of *Heringflete* in *Suffolk*, held of *Ralph Bigot*, *Nicholas Castell*, and *William Inglby*, Knt.—This was granted on *January* 26. *A°.* 28, *Henry* VIII. to *Henry Jerningham*

THORP, BY HADESCO.

THIS town is not mentioned in the grand survey, being part of *Roger Bigot's* manor of *Hadesco*, and part of *Ralph de Beaufoe's* manor of *Aldeby* in this hundred, and therein accounted for; from the *Bigots* Earls of *Norfolk* it came to *Thomas de Brotherton* Earl of *Norfolk*, by grant of his brother King *Edward* II. and so to the Lord *Segrave*, the *Mowbrays*, and the *Howards* Dukes of *Norfolk*.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *Stephen de Catfield*, *William de Thorpdale*, &c. held a quarter of a fee, which *Nicholas de Potter*, and the tenants of *John de Thorpdale* formerly held of the Earl of *Norfolk*;

and in the 4th of *Henry* IV. the lord had a quarter of a fee called *Potters*. *Richard de Catfield* died seized of the manor of *Thorp* by *Hadesco* in the first year of *Richard* II. and *Stephen* was his son and heir.

William Catfeld of this town, by his testament dated *January* 14, 1474, was buried in this church, gives his manor of *Thorp*, called *Hadesco-thorp*, to *Alice*, his wife, for life; remainder to *Richard de Southewell*, Esq.[a] (of *Wood Rising*) who had bought the reversion of *William Catfeld*;—*Nicholas Catfeld*, his brother, mentioned; proved *July* 19, 1475; the *Bigots* Earls of *Norfolk*, the Lords *Mowbray*, and the *Howards*, were the capital lords of this fee, and presented, as will appear, to a moiety of the church.

Ralph de Beaufoe's interest herein, as lord of *Aldby*, came, as may be there seen, to his daughter and heir, *Agnes*, married to *Hubert de Rye*, and this was held by the *Roscelines*, as in *Aldby*; *William de Rosceline* was lord and patron of a moiety of this church in the reign of *Edward* I. under the Barons of *Rye*. After this it was in the *Marshals*, and from them came to the Lords *Morley*, the *Lovels*, and the *Parkers* Lords *Morley*. *Edward* Lord *Morley*, in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, conveyed it to his 2d son, *Henry Parker*, Esq. after this it was conveyed to the *Calthorps*, and *Christopher Calthorp*, Esq. of *Aldeby*, presented to this church, in the 9th of *James* I. Sir *James Calthorp*, his son and heir, gave it to his 2d son, *Henry*, who was recorder of *London* and a knight, and died seized of it *A°*. 1637, and of *Ampton* in *Suffolk*; and his immediate descendant, *James Calthorp*, Esq. was lord in 1742.

Robert's (son of *Corbun*) lordship in *Hadesco*, also extended into this town, which came after to the *Albinys* Earls of *Arundel*, the *Tateshals*, and the *Cliftons*. In the 20th of *Edward* III. the prior of St. *Olaves*, the heirs of *Robert de Gillingham*, &c. held here a quarter of a fee, which the prior, and *Robert* formerly held of the Lord *Tateshale*; and in 1428, the temporalities of that priory were valued at 10*s*. *ob*. *Adam Bacon* aliened to it 3 messuages, and 45 acres of land here, in *Norwich*, &c. *A°*. 6 *Edward* II.

The tenths were 5*l*. 14*s*.—Deducted 14*s*. and the *Gilbertine* nuns had temporalities valued at 10*s*.

The CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to St. *Matthew*, and consisted of two medieties. In the 18th of *Hen*. III. *Andrew Wascelein* granted by fine to *John Roscelyne*, the advowson of a mediety, and in the reign of *Edward* I. *William Roscelyn* was patron of a mediety valued at 40*s*. and *Robert de Lodne*, patron of the other, valued at 40*s*. *Peter*-pence 10*d*. carvage 2*d*. *ob*.

RECTORS.

In 1309, *Richer de Heynford*, instituted to a mediety, presented by Sir *William de Roscelyne*,

1311, *Robert de Rollesby*, by Sir *John Segrave*, Knt.

1312, *Walter de Denevere*, by Lady *Joan Roscelyn*.

[a] Reg. Gelour. Norw. fol. 199.

1318, *Richard de Wymer*, by Lady *Joan Roscelyn*.
1318, *John de Tutington*, by Sir *John Segrave*, senior.
1323, *Richard Barun*, by Lady *Joan Roscelyn*.
1349, *John de Bek*, by *John* Lord *Segrave*.
1349, *Nicholas Serveys*, by *Ditto*.
1349, *Robert de Walsingham*, by the King, on account of the lands of *John* Lord *Segrave* of *Folkeston*.
1361, there was an agreement between the Lord *Mowbray*, and *William de Morley*, Marshal of *Ireland*, patrons, to consolidate the same, and to present alternately.
1362, *Robert de Walsingham*, by *William de Morley*.
1383, *John Barkere*, by *Thomas* Earl of *Nottingham*, Lord *Mowbray*.
1389, *Andrew Warde*, by *Thomas* Lord *Morley*.
1397, *John Bonelyng*, by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*.
1408, *John Buxstede*, by *Thomas* Lord *Morley*.
1409, *John Whitrest*, by *Gerard Uffet* and *Elizabeth* Dutchess of *Norfolk*.
1420, *Thomas Codlyng*, by *William Paston*, *John Lancaster*, Esq. and *John Pelle*, clerk.
1422, *Nicholas de Plumstede*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1423, *Richard Westdele*, by *Thomas* Lord *Morley*.
1437, *John Merle*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1450, *Robert Godyll*.
1506, *John Bernard*, *alias Smith*, by *Elizabeth* Dutchess of *Norfolk*.
1506, *Richard Eston*, by Sir *Edward Howard*, and *Alice* his wife, Lady *Morley*.
1517, *John Charlton*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1523, *Sim. Morell*.
1554, *Edmund Grevall*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
Christ. Calvert, rector.
1559, *George Gibson*, A. M. by the Bishop's vicar-general.
1567, *Anthony Frost*, by *H. Parker* Lord *Morley*.
1590, *Alexander Smith*, by the Bishop.
1590, *Thomas Jolles*, by the assignees of *Edward* Lord *Morley*.
1591, *Alexander Smith*, by the King, on the attainder of *Philip* Earl of *Arundel*: in 1603, he returned 38 communicants.
1613, *William Morgan*, by *Christopher Calthorp*; and the patronage was in the same family in 1742.
James Clerk, rector.
1717, *Philip Prime*, by *Mary Prime*, widow, succeeded *Clerk*.
1737, *William Johnson*, by the King.
1746, *John Guavas*, by *James Calthorp*, Esq.
1753, *John Colman*, by the King.
1758, *Samuel Brown*, by *James Calthorp* of *Ampton* in *Suffolk*, who has an alternate presentation with the King.

Adam Bacon aliened to the prior of *Herlingfiete*, three messuages and 45 acres of land here, in *Cringleford*, &c.

The present valor of the church is 3*l*. 6*s*. 4*d*. and is discharged.

THURVERTON, OR THURLTON.

In this town were several lordships at the town that the grand survey was made. One was in the King's hand, and *William de Noiers* took care of it for the King, of which *Stigand* the Archbishop was deprived.

One freeman possessed it under *Stigand*, with 20 acres, half a carucate and an acre of meadow, valued at 2*s*. there were also 2 freemen with 10 acres, and 2 borderers, with half a carucate and an acre of meadow, valued at 16*d*. and there was here one freeman, the predecessor of *Ralph de Beaufoe*, with 8 acres, valued at 12*d*.[3]

It remained in the Crown, till it was granted to *Robert de Beaumont* Earl of *Leicester*, who gave it to the abbey of *Preaux* in *Normandy*, with the lordship of *Toft* in this hundred, of which see there.

The Lord *Baynard's* manor of *Chetgrave* extended into this town, and was held of them by the family of *De Rosceline*; from that family it descended to the Lords *Willoughby*, who held one fee here, in *Chatgrave*, &c. of the Lords *Fitz-Walter*, and were patrons of a mediety of the church.

In the 31st of *Henry* VIII. Sir *Nicholas Hare* conveyed by fine to *William Read*, citizen and mercer of *London*, the manor of *Baynard's* in *Thurverton*, or *Thurleton*, with messuages and lands in *Thorp*, *Raveningham*, &c. and his son and heir, *William*, was lord in the reign of Queen *Mary*, and *Thomas Ward* in the 34th of *Elizabeth*.

Ash Windham, Esq. lord in 1742, and his son, *William Windham*, Esq. succeeded him, who dying in 1761, left his son and heir a minor.

Alan Earl of *Richmond*, had a small fee, of which a freeman was deprived, containing 10 acres, with 2 socmen and 4 acres, valued at 16*d*.[4]

William de Scohies had the lands of 7 freemen, with the moiety of another, and *Odar* held it of *William*; of these his predecessor, *Ralph de Beaufoe*, had the protection only, in the reign of King *Edward*; containing 45 acres, and then a carucate and a half, and the moiety of a church, valued at 10*s*. with 12 acres.[5]

Roger Bigot, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, had the grant of 22 acres, and half a carucate and an acre of meadow, and *Robert* (*de Vaux*) held it under *Roger*; this belonged to *Hadesco* manor.[6]

[3] Tre. Stigandi epi. quas custodit, W. de Noires in manu Regis.——In Turvertuna i lib. ho. xx ac. et dim. car. et i ac. pti. et val. ii sol. in ead. ii lib. hoes. x ac. et ii bord. dim. car. et i ac. pti. et val. xvi*d*.

In Turvertuna i lib. antecessoris Radulfi de Bellofago, et ht. viii ac. et val. xii.*d*.

[4] Terre Alani Comitis.——In Thurvertuna, i lib. ho. x ac. et ii soc. iiii ac. et val xvi*d*.

[5] Terra Willi. de Scohies

In Thurvertuna tenet Odar. vii. lib. hoes. et dim. de quib; antecessor Rad. de Bellofago habuit comd. tantu. T. R. E. xlv ac. tc. i car. et dim. et val. x sol. dim. ecclia. xii ac.

[6] Terra Rogeri Bigoti.

In Turvertuna, ii lib. hoes. xxii ac. et i

Roger, son of *Reynard*, possessed 20 acres, and half a carucate, and 2 acres of meadow, which a freeman held under the protection only of *Ralph de Beaufoe*, valued at 8*s.*[7] Of this *Roger* see in *Raveningham*.

In *Thurverton*, also, at the survey were 8 acres, which a freeman of the predecessor of *Ralf de Beaufoe* held, then this freeman belonged to no lordship, but is styled the King's freeman; this was valued at 12*d.* *H. Malesman*, as the hundred witnessed, held it, but at the time he absconded.[8]

The town is called in old deeds, often, *Thurleton* by *Hadsco*.

The tenths were 40*s.*—Deducted 6*s.* 8*d.*—The temporalities of St. *Bennet's* abbey 7*s.* 1*d.*—of St. *Olave's* 6*d.*;—of *Norwich* 28*s.* 6*d. ob.*; of *Carhow* priory 11*s.*;—of the priory of *De Preaux* 6*s.* 5*d.*

Robert Thurgarton aliened to the priory of *Norwich*, a cottage and 6 acres of land here and in *Toft*.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and was a rectory of two medieties; in the reign of King *Edward* I. Sir *Peter Roscelyn* was patron of one mediety, valued at 4 marks, and the rector had a manse with 15 acres; and *Robert de Lodne* was patron of the other, valued also at 4 marks, with a manse and 15 acres; *Peter*-pence 10*d.* carvage 8*d.*

RECTORS.

William de Catfield, rector.

1313, *William de Elingham*, instituted, presented by Sir *Peter de Roscelyn*.

1313, *John de Hules*, by *ditto*.

1317, *Robert de Rollesby*, by *ditto*.

1326, Mr. *Reginald de Goderington*, by Sir *Thomas de Roscelyn*.

1328, *John de Lydelyng*, by *ditto*.

In the 6th of *Edward* III. *Thomas de Morle*, of *Norwich*, and *Beatrix*[9] his wife, conveyed to *William* Bishop of *Norwich*, the advowson of this church by fine.

In 1333, *John de Sydelyng*, by the Bishop, to the mediety that was *Robert de Lodne's*.

1335, *John de Sydelyng*, to a mediety. *William Ayrmine* Bishop of *Norwich* bought the patronage of both the medieties, but in the 8th of *Edward* III. the hospital of St. *Giles* in *Norwich* had license of appropriation of them, on the grant of the said Bishop, who accordingly appropriated them for a chantry and three chaplains in his chapel, at the palace in *Norwich*. Afterwards, *Walter Hart* Bishop of *Norwich*, on the resignation of this church by the proctors of the hospital, remitted the sustentation of the three chaplains, to the said hospital, and the payment of 6*s.* 8*d. per ann.* paid on account of the appropriation, in the year 1448.

ac. pti. et dimid. carucam hoc tenet Rob. de Rog.

[7] Terre Rogeri, filij Renardi In Turvertuna, xx ac ac i lib. ho. sub antec. R. de Bellofago, comd. tantu. et ij ac. pti. et dim. car. et val. viii sol.

[8] Lib. hom. Regis, ad nulla' firma' p'tinentes.——In Turvertuna viii ac. i. lib. ho. antecessoris Radulfi de Belfa'o et val. xiid. hoc tenuit H. Malesmn, teste hund. sed ipse celat.

[9] This Beatrix was daughter and heiress of Sir Thomas Rosceline, Knt.

1448, *Thomas Lucas*, rector, presented by the master of St. *Gyles's* hospital.
1481, *Robert Godfrey*. *Ditto*.
1493, *Henry Johnson*, by *ditto*.
1504, *John Baker*, by the mayor, &c. of *Norwich*.
1559, *Arthur Frost*, by *ditto*.
1590, *John Beridge*, by *ditto*: in 1603, he returned 140 communicants.
1606, *William Laurence*, by *ditto*.
1611, *Richard Gamon*, by *ditto*.
Samuel Stinnet, rector.
1663, *Robert Cranshaw*, by the mayor, &c
1669, *Daniel Weld*, by *ditto*.
1694, *Joseph Edwards*, by *ditto*.
1713, *Franc. Fayerman*, by *ditto*.
1757, *Paul Columbine*, by *ditto*.
The valor was 6*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*.
Against the north wall of the chancel,

Here lyeth Anne Denny, one of the eight daughters and coheirs of William Sydnor, Esq. and wife of Glover Denny, Gent. who died March 9, 1665.

In this church was the guild of *All-Saints*, and the image of St. *Mary* on the north side of the church.

TOFT.

WILLIAM DE NOIERS was steward of the principal manor in this town (at the time of making the book of *Domesday*) for the Conqueror, who had seized on it, on the deprivation of Archbishop *Stigand*, who held it as a lay fee, in the reign of the Confessor. Four carucates and 20 acres of land belonged to it, with 14 villains, 18 borderers, and 8 servi, there were 3 carucates in demean, and 8 acres, and 20 acres of meadow; paunage for 80 swine, 1 runcus, 4 cows, &c. and 100 sheep; 5 socmen had one carucate and a half of land, 5 carucates and 8 acres of meadow, and valued, &c. in *Hadescoe*.[1]

It remained in the Crown till granted to *Robert de Bellomont* Earl of *Mellent* in *Normandy* and of *Leicester* in *England*, in the reign of King *Henry* I. who gave it to the Benedictine abbey of *de Pratellis* (or *Preaux*) in *Normandy*; and on that account was called *Monks-*

[1] Tre. Stigandi, Epi. quas custodit. W. de Noiers in manu Regis.——Toft ten. Stigand. p. manerio, T. R. E. iiii car. tre. et xx ac. semp. xiiii villi. et xviii bord. et viii ser. et iii car. in dnio. et viii ac. et xx ac. pti silva LXXX por et i r. et iiii an. et xx porc. et c ov. et v soc. i car. tre. et dim. sep. v car. et viii ac. pti.

Tofts. In the 14th of *Edward* I. the abbot claimed the assize, a gallows, and many other liberties, who had a cell here.

In the 20th of *Richard* II. Sir *Lewis Clifford*, by the mediation and license of that King, had a grant from the abbot of *Preaux*, of this manor, for life, on a certain rent, with the remainder to his son *Lewis*, with *Warmington* in *Warwickshire*, *Spelbury* in *Dorsetshire*, and *Aston* in *Berkshire*; and in the parliament at *Leicester*, *Ao.* 2 *Henry* V. on the dissolution of alien priories, came to the Crown, and was granted for life to Sir *Thomas Erpingham*, on *March* 15, *Ao.* 6. The said King, in his 19th year, gave it to *Eaton* college; after this King *Edward* IV. gave it to *King's* college, *Cambridge*, where it still continues. King *Henry* V. on its dissolution, is said to have granted the revenues of it to the *Carthusians* of *Witham* in *Somersetshire*, which they held some short time.

Humphrey de Wirlingham, in the 54th of *Henry* III. granted to this cell, and to *William*, abbot of St. *Peter* and St. *Paul de Preaux*, 2 messuages, 72 acres of land, 10 of wood, 8 of marsh, and 4*s.* 5*d.* rent here, in *Hadesco-Thorp*, &c. *Nicholas Cardé*, a monk of this cell, or priory, proctor for the abbey of *De Preaux*, accounted for 100*l.* in the 18th of *Edward* III. as custos of the lands and tenements, goods and chattels of the same; and in 1428, their temporalities were valued at 40*l.* 16*s.* 10*d. ob.*

In *Toft* also and in *Raveningham*, a freeman had 60 acres of land mortgaged by several persons, a caruceate and an acre of meadow with 27 borderers, valued at 20*s.*

This was in the King: at the survey *William de Noiers* took care of it, which *Stigand* the archbishop held as a lay fee, and was deprived of.[a]

In the 34th of *Henry* III. *William de Tofts* had an interest herein, and in the 6th of *Edward* III. *William de Stafford* and his wife *Isabel* had a lordship, settled on *Walter* their son; and in the 12th of that King, *Walter* died seized of it, and *James* his brother was his heir.

In the 9th of *Richard* II. a fine was levied between *Richard Dodenhale*, merchant of *Coventry*, querent, *Richard Bottler* and *Joan* his wife, deforciants, of the manor of *Netherhall* in this town, &c.; and in the 17th of that King, Sir *John Panton* died seized, as is said, of *Overhall* and *Netherhall* manors, and *John* was his son and heir; but in the 1st year of *Henry* IV. *Richard Bottler* and *Joan* his wife conveyed the said lordships to *James Billingford*, by fine; and the 3d of that King, *Jeffrey Wafre* held here and in *Raveningham* a quarter of a fee, called *Reedswell, in capite.*

James Billingforth, of *Blackworth-hall* in *Stoke Holy-cross*, died lord in the 17th of *Edward* IV. *Edmund Billingford*, Esq. was lord in the 33d of *Henry* VIII. *Thomas Billingford*, Esq. in 1571, and *John Billingford*, in the 11th of *James* I. and afterwards, *George Billingford.*

Ash Windham, Esq. was lord in 1742, and his son *William Wyndham* inherited it, and his son, a minor, is lord.

The abbey of *Langley* had considerable possessions here; their temporalities were valued at 26*s.* 8*d.*

[a] Tre Stigandi, Epi. quas custodit, W. de Noiers in manu Regis.——In Ravingham (et Toft) LX ac. tre. i lib. ho. quas habebat invadiata de pluribus ho'ib; semp. i car. et XXVII bord. et i ac. pti. et val. XX sol.

The tenths of the town were *5l. 7s.*

In the 1st of *Richard* II. here were lands given by *John Loudham*, to the repair of St. *Olaves* causey.

The CHURCH of *Toft* is dedicated to St. *Margaret*: two parts of it were appropriated to the abbey of *Preaux*, by *William Turbus* Bishop of *Norwich*, and confirmed by *John de Gra*, Bishop, *A°.* 1181, and were valued at 20 marks, and the third part was a rectory valued at 10 marks: the two appropriated parts always passed with the manor belonging to *Preaux* abbey, and the 3d part was held by a rector, who in *Edward* the First's time had a manse and 30 acres of land, *Peter*-pence 8*d.* carvage 8*d.*

RECTORS.

In 1316, *John de Warmington*, instituted, presented by the proctor of the abbey of *Preaux*.

Ralph Morel, rector.

1318, *John de Warmington*. *Ditto*.

Roger de Grestein, prior of *Tofts*, and proctor of *De Preaux* abbey.

1327, *John Red*, by *ditto*.

1349, *Jeffrey Purchas*, by the King.

1391, *Thomas Baylly*, by Sir *Lewis de Clyfford*.

1408, *Richard Banham*, by Sir *Thomas Erpingham*.

1410, *John Auncel*, by *ditto*.

1417, *John Staunford*, by *ditto*.

1427, Mr. *John Gley*, by *ditto*.

1438, *Simon Jewey*, by the King.

Sim. Hole, rector.

1443, *William Swan*, by *William Waynflete*, provost of *Eton* college.

1449, *William Westbroke*, by *ditto*.

1454, *John Bullock*, by *ditto*.

1459, *Peter Cantele*, by *ditto*.

Christopher Whitesyde, rector.

1476, *Thomas Magster*, by the provost and fellows of *King's* college, *Cambridge*.

1487, *William Billyng*, by *ditto*.

1506, *William Skevyn*, by *ditto*.

1533, *William Alen*, A. B. *Ditto*.

1555, *Christopher Calvert*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1559, *Robert Best*, by the Bishop's vicar-general.

1563, *John Beane*, by the provost, &c.

1593, *Phil. Ausham*, occurs rector in 1603, and returned 160 communicants.

1619, *Thomas Langley*, by the provost, &c.

1639, *Richard Peter*, by *ditto*.

1663, *Charles Ashby*, by *ditto*.

James Clark.

1717, *Benjamin Shipman*, on *Clerk's* death, by *King's* college, *Cambridge*.

1751, *John Lodington*, rector, by *ditto*.

The rectory is valued at 8*l.* and is discharged.

On an alabaster monument, against the north wall of the chancel,

Hic jacet sepultus Joh. Bayspoole ob Toft Monks, in Com. Norf. gen. obt. die 3°. Aug. 1624, *cum uxore suâ Eliz. Spelman, sorore viri nobilis Hen. Spelman, equitis.*

WHETACRE.

RALPH Lord *Bainard*, for his services, was rewarded with this town, by the Conqueror, on the expulsion of *Toret*, a thane of King *Edward*, and was held by *Geffrey* under the Lord *Baynard*; it contained, on the Conqueror's grant, 2 carucates of land, 6 villians, 12 borderers with 2 servi, 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants, &c. 30 acres of meadow, 2 runci, and 11 cows, &c. 160 sheep, &c. and 6 freemen belonging to the lord's fold, and under his protection, held in King *Edward's* time 18 acres of land, a carucate and a half, with one acre of meadow; and there were 2 churches endowed with 60 acres, and valued at 5*s.* and the manor was valued at 30*s.* but at the survey at 50*s.* it was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 16*d.* gelt.[3]

Jeffrey, who held it under the Lord *Baynard*, was a near relation of the Lord *Bainard*, who held it *in capite*. *Juga*, widow of that lord possessed it, and was succeeded by her son *Jeffrey*. *William*, his son, taking part with *Elias* Earl of *Maine*, in *France*, and other conspirators against King *Henry* I. was deprived of his barony of *Bainard* castle in *London*, which was granted to *Robert*, a younger son of *Richard Fitz-Gilbert*, whose son *Walter Fitz-Robert* succeeded, and the descendants of *Jeffrey* abovementioned held it of him; *Thomas*, son of *Robert Bainard*, holding it in the reign of *Richard* I. *Robert Baynard* had a charter *A°.* 12, *Edward* II. for two fairs and two mercates here.

By an inquisition taken at *Norwich*, on the death of *Robert Baynard*,[4] of *Whetacre*, on *April* 16, *A°.* 4 *Edward* III. the jurors find that he died seized of a capital messuage of no value, besides the repairs, a pigeon-house valued at 12*d. per ann.* 180 acres of arable land valued at 4*l.* 10*s.* 6*d. per acre*, 100 acres of salt marsh at 100*s. per ann.* 20 of gross wood, without underwood, valued at 2*d. per acre*, a windmill at 20*s. per ann.* rents of assize payable at *Lady-day*, *Midsummer*, and *Michaelmas*, 6*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* copyholders days works between *Michaelmas*

[3] Tre. Radulfi Bainardi.——Wateaker tenet Gaosfrid. q. tenuit Toreth tein. T. R. E. ii car. tre. sep. vi villi. et xii bor. tc. ii ser. sep. ii car. in dn'o. et ii car. hom. silv. viii por. xxx. ac. pti. sep. ii r. et xi an. tc. xv por. m°. xxx. tc. c l x ov. m°. c l x x v i et vi lib. hoes. soca, falde et comd. T. R. E. xviii ac sep. i car. et dim. et i ac. pti. et ii eccle. l x ac. in elemosina, et val. v sol. tc. manerii. val. xxx sol. m°. l. ht. i leug. in long. et dim. in lat. et xvi*d.* de gelto.

[4] Of the Bainards see in Chatgrave, Colkirk, &c.

and St. *Peter ad vincula* 10*s.* and between that feast and *Michaelmas* 20*s.* pleas and perquisites of court 10*s. per ann.* held of the Lord *Fitz-Walter*, and *Thomas* was his son and heir, aged 26.

This *Thomas Bainard* sold this lordship, in the 10th of the said King, to Sir *Thomas Rosceline*, from whom it came (as may be seen at large in *Edgfield*) to *John* Lord *Willoughby* of *Eresby*, and from them to *Richard Bertue*, by the heiress, whose son *Peregrine*, was Lord *Willoughby* in his mother's right, and presented to the church in 1602.

John Wentworth, Esq. was lord of both manors, and patron of the two churches, *September* 21, *A°.* 16 *James* I. and Sir *John Wentworth* was his son and heir.

Matthew Bluck, Esq. one of the six clerks in Chancery, was lord in 1675, and in this family it remained, till conveyed to *William Grimston*, Esq.

The Lord *Bainard* had also the grant of another lordship in this town, of which a freeman of *Herold* the King was deprived, and consisted of 2 carucates of land, 10 villains, 5 borderers, 4 servi 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants, &c. with 30 acres of meadow; *Robert*, son of *Corbution*, (or *Corbun*,) claimed it, and had livery. Here was pasture for 200 sheep, 2 runci, 7 cows, &c. 6 bee skeps, 7 freemen under commendation belonged to the lord's fold, with 18 acres of land, 2 carucates and an acre of meadow, valued then at 30*s.* at the survey at 45*s.*; this came to the Lord *Bainard*, by an exchange, and *Frankus* held it of him.[5]

The ancient family of *De Edisfeld* or *Edgfield*, was soon after the Conquest enfeoffed of this lordship, and held it in the reign of *Henry* II. from whom it came by an heiress, to Sir *William de Rosceline*, and was held of the Lord *Fitz Walter*, as in *Chatgrave*, *Edgfield*, &c. Sir *Thomas Rosceline* dying *sine prole*, it came to the Lords *Willoughby*, &c. as above.

The tenths were 3*l.* 10*s.*—Deducted 10*s.*—Temporalities of *Norwich* priory 13*s.* 4*d.*

The temporalities of *Langley* abbey 3*l.* 5*s.* 5*d.* a manor is said to belong to *Whetacre*.

Here were two churches; one dedicated to St. *Peter*, a rectory valued at 11 marks, the rector had a manse with 3 acres of land, *Peter*-pence were, 16*d.* carvage 4*d. ob.* This is called *Whetacre Burgh*.

RECTORS.

In 1301, *John Baynard*, instituted rector, presented by Lady *Joan*, relict of Sir *Robert Baynard*.

1304, *Thomas Baynard*, by *ditto*.

1316, *John Baynard*, by Sir *Robert Baynard*.[6]

1325, *Gerard de Horstede*, by *ditto*; he is called Esquire of the

[5] Tre Rad. Bainardi.—In Hwateaker, i. lib. ho. Heroldi, ii. car. tre. q. tenet Frankus, sep. x. villi. et v. bor. tc. iiii. ser. m°. ii. sep. ii. car. in dnio: et ii. car. houm. silv. viii. por. et xxx. ac. pti. hunc. calumniatr. R. fili. Corbutionis, et ht. lib'atore. pastura. cc, ov. sep. ii. r. tc. vii. an. tc. xii. por. m°. xvii. tc. cc. ov. m°. c. vi. vasa. apu. et vii. lib. hoes. soca. falde comdatione xviii. ac. sep. ii. car. et i. ac. pti. tc. val. xxx. sol. m°. xlv. totu. p. escang.

[6] Reg. Eccles. Norwic.

Laby *Roscelyne*, went in a lay-coloured habit *(veste stragulata)* and had not the clerical tonsure.

1334 *John de La Grene*, by Sir *Thomas Roscelyn*.

1355, Mr. *William Graa*, by Sir *William Synthwait*, in right of his wife *Joan*, late relict of *John* Lord *Willoughby*.

1365, *William Malebys*, by *ditto*.

1376, *Sim. de Kilpesham*, by Sir *Robert de Willoughby*, Lord *Eresby*.

1379, Mr. *Robert de Weston*, by *William Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk*, Sir *Roger Scales*, Sir *Robert Howard*, &c.

1382, *John Sayer*, by *Robert* Lord *Willughby*.

1398, *Henry Wodestoke*, by *ditto*.

1398, *Robert Coucliff*, by *ditto*.

1401, *William Linchewyk*, by *ditto*.

1403, *John Burges*, by *ditto*.

1414, *Richard Facon*, by *Robert* Lord *Willoughby*.

1434, *William Themilby*, by *ditto*, in right of the manor of *Whetacre*.

1436, *William Castell*, by Sir *William Tireshit*, *Richard Yardesburgh*, and *John Wyles*, Esq. feoffees of *Robert* Lord *Willoughby*.

1444, *Henry Bramerton*, by *Robert* Lord *Willoughby*.

1465, *John Mareys*, by *Richard de Wells* Lord *Willughby*.

1480, *Robert Monger*, by *Richard Hastings* Lord *Welles*.

1500, *William Ward*, by *ditto*.

1501, *William Huntensale*, by Sir *Richard Hastings*.

1508, *George Washingham*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1536, *Richard Hill*, by *Mary* Lady *Willoughby*, widow.

1545, *Andrew Hawes*, by *Catharine* Dutchess of *Suffolk*, daughter of *William* Lord *Willughby*,

1553, *Henry Bacon*, by *Richard Bertier*, Esq. of *Ormsthorp* in *Lincolnshire*, in right of his wife *Catharine*.

1555, *Robert Ullothornes*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1556, *Henry Hill*, by the assignees of *William Heronden*, a trustee of *Richard Bertie*, Esq. &c.

1602, *Edward Stanhawe*, by the assignees of *Peregrine* Lord *Willoughby*.

1618, *Christopher Milne*, by *Euseb. Paget*, clerk.

1659, *Henry Watts*, by *Ann Melling*.
Daniel Benton, rector.

1669, *Phil. Prime*, by *Thomas Garneys*, Esq.

1713, *Thomas Page*, by *William Grimstone*. Esq.

1764, Mr. *Samuel Boycot*.

The present valor is 7*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. and is discharged.

The other church is dedicated to *All-Saints*. *John de Bumstede* is said to have had an interest in the patronage, but in the beginning of *Edward* II. the family of *Baynard*; the rector had then a beautiful manse, and it was valued at 5*l*. *Peter*-pence 12*d*. carvage 4*d*. *ob*.

RECTORS.

1316, *Sim. de Berningham*, presented by Sir *Robert Baynard*.
Sim. Croppe, rector.

1357, *William de Merse*, by Sir *William Synthweit.*
1360, *John Hoppe*, by *William Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk.*
1404, *John Draper*, by *William* Lord *Willougby*,.
1405, *John Goldspring*, by *ditto.*
1409, *John Tenalby*, by *ditto.*
1409, *Nicholas Tydd*, by *ditto.*
1412, *Richard Newman*, by *Robert* Lord *Willoughby.*
1437, *Andrew Dean*, by *ditto.*
1445, *John Annotson*, by *ditto.*
1450, *William Gilbert*, by *ditto.*
1476, *John Mareys*, by *Rich. Hastings* Lord *Welles* and *Willoughby.*
1494, *John Hoker*, by *ditto.*
1497, *Robert Proveyt*, L.L.B. by *ditto.*
1510, *John Shilton*, by *William* Lord *Willoughby.*
1510, *Edward Lamson*, by *ditto.*
Nicholas Chamberlin.
1522, *Thomas Bingley*, by *ditto.*
1538, *John Thuxton.*
1539, *Nicholas Dade*, by *ditto.*
1440, *Roger Gavell*, by *Charles* Duke of *Suffolk*, and *Catharine* his Dutchess.
1555, Mr. *William Botiler*, by the Bishop, a lapse,
1556, *Thomas Robinson*, by *William Herenden*, Esq.
1557, *Henry Hill*, by *ditto.*
1572, *Roger Gavel*, by *Richard Bertie*, Esq. in right of *Catherine* his wife.
1602, *Euseb. Paget*, by the assigns of *Peregrine Bertie*; he returned 68 communicants in 1603.
1650, *Henry Watts.*
1658, *John Morris*, by Lady *Anne Wentworth.*
1673, *Thomas Lunn.*
1675, *Phil. Prime*, by *Matthew Bluck*, Esq.
1713, *Thomas Page*, by *William Grimston*, Esq.
1715, *John Guavas*, by *ditto.*
1758, Mr. *Christopher Smear*, presented by *Lynn Smear*, clerk.
The presented valor, is 6*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* and is discharged.

On a stone, with a brass plate, by the font,

Rob'tus London, arcâ, cum conjuge, sacra;
Hac fatum subiens, consepilitur humo.
Ambo fælices, numerosâ prole beati,
Complent hospitio, pacificiq; dies
Illa obt. Junij 1620.
Ille Oct. 1627,

There was an ancient family of the *Whitacres*, who had an interest in a lordship.[7]

William de Whitacre was found to hold one fee of the barony of *Baynard*, in this town, in the begining of King *Henry* the Third's reign.

[7] Testa de Nevill.

WINSTON.

THIS town is not mentioned in the book of *Domesday*, being accounted for in the lordship of *Stockton*, of which it was a part and member, and was granted with *Stockton*, by King *Stephen*, to *Hugh Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*, and held by his descendants Earls of *Norfolk*, who enfeoffed a younger son, Sir *Ralph Bigot*, therein; by a daughter and heiress of that family, it came to the *Garneys*, the *Delapoles*, Earls, &c. of *Suffolk*. After this, coming to the Crown, *William Roberts*, attorney, town clerk of *Yarmouth*, farmed it of the Crown in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*: his sister and heir brought it by marriage to *Simon Smith*, Esq.[s] whose son and heir, *Thomas*, married *Margery*, daughter of *Nicholas Garnish* of *Redesham* Hall in *Suffolk*; he died *June* 6, 1630, and was buried in the churchyard of *Gillingham*, *All-Saints*, being father of *Simon Smith*, Esq. who married *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Edmund Mundeford*, sister and heir to her brother, Sir *Edmund* of *Feltwell* in *Norfolk*. From the *Smiths* it came to the *Fleetwood's*, by *Frances*, daughter and heir of *Thomas Smith*, Esq. who married *Charles Fleetwood*, Esq. whose son, *Smith Fleetwood*, Esq. was lord in 1708.

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Andrew*, and is a rectory. The rector, in the reign of *Edward* I. had 20 acres of land, valued at 20*s*. *Peter*-pence 12*d*. Carvage, 3*d*. *ob*. and *Roger* Earl of *Norfolk*, was patron.

RECTORS.

In 1303, *John de Honyng*, presented by *Roger* Earl of *Norfolk*.
1303, *Thomas de Mutford*. *Ditto*.
1330, *John Spare*, by *Thomas de Brotherton* Earl of *Norfolk*.
1330, *Thomas Reynald*. *Ditto*.
1349, *Hugh Ditchingham*, by Sir *Edward de Montacute*.
1351, *Reginald Bishop*. *Ditto*.
1352, *John Mareys*. *Ditto*.
1355, *William Bernard*. *Ditto*.
1357, *John de Bedwell*. *Ditto*.
1365, *John Styward*, by *William Ufford*, Lord of *Framlingham*.
1366, *William Kemp*. *Ditto*.
1367, *Robert Warrener*. *Ditto*.
1367, *John Markant*. *Ditto*.
1384, *Henry Gille*, by *Margaret* Countess of *Norfolk*.
1385, *John Slygh*. *Ditto*.

[s] Of the family of Smith, see in Blomfield's History of Norfolk, vol. vi. in Irmingland.

1390, *Robert Burney*, by *Margaret* Countess of *Norfolk*.
1394, *William Hebbe*. *Ditto*.
1398, *John Smith*. *Ditto*.
1402, *John Spendlove*, by the King, on the minority of *Thomas Mowbray*, son of *Thomas*, late Earl-Marshal.
1412, *William Forster*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1437, *William Bernisdale*. *Ditto*.

On the 9th of *February*, 1440, the Bishop's vicar-general, by the consent of *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, and the parishioners, united and consolidated this church to that of *Gillingham, All-Saints; Thomas Wright*, then rector of *Gillingham, All-Saints*, who was obliged to serve one *Sunday* at *Winston*, and the two following at *Gillingham*.

In the first year of *Edward* IV. *John Mowbray* Duke of *Norfolk*, died lord and patron; and afterwards the *Howards* Dukes of *Norfolk*; and on the attainder of the Duke in Queen *Elizabeth's* reign, it came to the Crown, but was granted by King *James*, in his first year, to *Henry Howard* Earl of *Northampton*.

Sir *Nicholas Bacon*, Bart. was patron, and gave it to his sixth son, *Nicholas Bacon*, Esq. who died *August* 17, *anno* 17th of *Charles* I. and it remained in the said family, in 1742; Sir *Edmund Bacon*, Bart. of *Gillingham*, then enjoying it.

This rectory, with that of *Windele*, was valued at 5*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. and discharged, and both united to *Gillingham*.

The tenths were 1*l*. 6*s*. Temporalities of *Langley* abbey, 2*s*.

WYNDALE.

THIS town was also part of the manor of *Stockton*, and of *Gillingham*, and so not mentioned in the book of *Domesday*, and coming to the Crown at the conquest, so remained, till granted to *Hugh Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*, by King *Stephen*;[9] from the *Bigots*, it came to *Brotherton* Earl of *Norfolk*, &c. so to the *Mowbrays* and *Howards* Dukes of *Norfolk*; and after that in the Crown.

In the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, *Edward Everard* is said to hold the manor of *Wyndale* of the Crown, as of her lordship of *Stockton*.

The church of WYNDALE is dedicated to St. *Andrew*; was a rectory in the reign of *Edward* I. in the patronage of *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*; and the rector had a manse with 10 acres; valued at 40*s*. *Peter*-pence 18*d*. Carvage 3*d*.

[9] See in Gillingham, and in Stockton.

RECTORS.

In 1318, *Thomas Pateman* was instituted, presented by *Thomas Brotherton*, Earl of *Norfolk*.

1349, *John Aldham*, by Sir *Edward de Montacute*.

1392, *Thomas Chalke*, by *Margaret* Countess of *Norfolk*.

1404, *Thomas de Burton*, by *Thomas Mowbray*, Earl-Marshal, and of *Nottingham*.

In 1440, *July* 20, on the petition of the Duke of *Norfolk*, the patron, it was united to the church of *Gillingham, All-Saints*.

In the 17th of *Charles* I. this rectory with that of *Winston*, was held by *Nicholas Bacon*, Esq. of *Simon Smith*, Esq. as of his manor of *Stockton*, which he farmed of the Crown. Sir *Edmund Bacon*, patron in 1742, and of *Gillingham*. See there, for the rectors, &c.

NORTH ERPINGHAM HUNDRED.

THE Conqueror, at the time of the survey had the soc and sac of this hundred, except the land which *Siward Bar* held in the time of the Confessor, in *Beckham*.

In the 34th of *Henry* III. the hundred was valued at 8*l. per ann.* and in the 3d of *Edward* I. *Hugh de Parker* farmed it of Queen *Alianore*. The gallows for this hundred (and every hundred had one belonging to the lord of it,) was at a place called *Starts Heg*. In the 15th of that King, he granted to the Queen all fines and amercements belonging to it, and ordered them to be paid to *John de Berewyk*, his beloved clerk, keeper of the Queen's *(auri)* treasury, who was prebend of *Holme* in 1294, and after of *Fenton* in the county of *York*.

William de Cursoun of *Carleton* in *Norfolk*, accounted for 34*l.* and half a mark arrears of the farms of *Aylsham*, *Causton*, and *Hobois* manors, and the hundreds of North and South *Erpingham*; and in the 4th of *Edward* II. *Walter de Bermingham* had a grant for life, of these two hundreds. In the 32d of *Edward* III. *Isabel* Queen-dowager of *England*, died possessed of them; after this, King *Edward* III. settled them on his son *John* Duke of *Lancaster*, and so they became part of that dutchy, which being in the Crown on the accession of *Henry* IV. so remain at this time.

King *Edward* IV. in his 15th year, settled them on his Queen.

In the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, it appears that every hundred had a particular place to preserve and keep safe the military stores, belonging to it, and that this hundred had then in store 400*lb.* of powder, 600 of match, 270 of lead, 30 pickaxes, 30 shod shovels, 30 bare shovels, 9 axes, 300 baskets, and 5 betels. The hundred court seems to have been held at *Guneby-Gate*, probably near *Gunton* town; *William de Valentia*, lord of *Mattask*, was sued in the 52d of *Henry* III. for withdrawing a suit of court a *Gunegate*, to the King's hundred of North *Erpingham*.

ALBURGH.

Roger Bigot, ancestor to the *Bigots* Earls of *Norfolk*, held in *Aldeburg*, one borderer, which *Ulstan* had in the Confessor's time, also the land of a freeman who held under *Ketel* in that King's time, 30 acres of land, and half an acre of meadow; and of another freeman's lands, *viz.* 20 acres and half an acre of meadow, held under *Ketel;* also the lands of 4 freemen who held under *Herold* half a carucate of land with 6 borderers, 3 carucates and one acre of meadow, one mill and the moiety of another; valued in King *Edward's* time at 15*s.* after at 30*s.* and had been let at 40*s. per ann.* but the tenants could not pay it.[1]

Hugh Bigot Earl of *Norfolk* was lord in 1140, and *Roger Bigot*, Earl-Marshal of *England*, was found in the 3d of *Edward* I. to have free warren, view of frankpledge, assise of bread and beer, a fair, and took toll, which his uncle, *Roger*, held on the vigil, the feast of St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*, and the day after; in the 14th of that King, he recovered damages against *Jeffrey de Massingham*, &c. for fishing in his ponds.

This lordship was held by the Earls in *capite*, and under them by the family of *De Hereward*. *Theobald de Hereward*, and *William* his son, of *Alburgh*, and *Robert Hereward*, were witnesses to deeds *sans* date; *Robert Hereward* was living in 1376. In the 4th of *Henry* IV. the heirs of *Robert Hereward* held it of the Lord *Mowbray* Duke of *Norfolk*.

Clement Herward, Esq. of *Alburgh*, by his will, dated *November* 2, 1426, requires to be buried in St. *Mary's* church of this town, by *Margaret* his mother; nominates *Cecilia*, his wife, *John Bacon*, and *Richard Gegge*, Esq. his executors, and appoints them trustees of all his lands in this town, *Suffeld*, *Wykmere*, *Wolterton*, *Matlass*, *Barninghams*, &c.; *Cecilia*, his wife, to have all his goods, and *Caleys* manor in *Suffield*, till *Robert*, his son, came of age, then to him; remainder to *Thomas* his brother; the manor of *Wykmer*, to his wife for life; to *Margaret*, his daughter, 100 marks; and to *Margery*, his daughter, 40*l.* Proved *January* 23, following.[2]

Robert Herward, Esq. by his will, dated on *Saturday* next after the decollation of St. *John Baptist*, in 1481, desires to be buried by his parents in this church; *Clement*, his son and heir, to have this manor, with those of *Suffield* and *Cromer*, after the death of *Anne*,[3] his wife; to *John*, his son, 50*l.* to *Robert*, his son, 50*l.* and 6*s.* 8*d.* to

[1] Terra Rogeri Bigoti——In Aldeburc, i bord. qu' ten. Ulstan T. R. E. ——i lib. ho. de xxx ac. tr'e. que' ten. Ketel T. R. E. dim. ac. p'ti.——i lib. ho. de xx ac. t'e. que' ten. Ketel. T. R. E. dim. ac. p'ti ——In Aldeburc iiii libi. ho'es quos tenu t Herold. T. R. E. de dim. car. t're. semp. vi bor. sep. iii car. i ac. p'ti. i mol. et dim. tc. et p. xv sol. mo. xxx. s. fuer. ad xl s. non potuer. redde.

[2] Reg. Surflete, pt. 2. fol. 16.

[3] Reg. Belings, fol. 10.

the repair of St. *Peter's* chapel, in this church. *Anne*, his wife, was also buried in this church; she mentions in her will, dated *December* 18, 1485, her son, *Clement; Margaret*, *Alice*, and *Anne*, her daughters; the last, then the wife of *John Groos*, Gent.

Clement Herward, Esq. was buried in the chapel of St. *John*, of this church, where his great grandfather lieth; appoints *Elizabeth*, his wife, *Robert*, his son, and *Robert*, his brother, executors, and Sir *John Heydon*, supervisor,[4] gives to *Henry*, his son, 40*l.* to *Anne*, his daughter, 100 marks, and wills *Philip*, his son, to be a pryst, and to have 10*l.* or more if need be, to purchase a license for it, and for pluralities; he died in 1509.

Robert Herward, Esq. was lord in the 33d of *Henry* VIII. and had a rent of 7*s.* 3*d.* payable to this manor, out of lands in *Wyknere*. In 1553, and in the beginning of Queen *Elizabeth's* reign, *Clement Herward* possessed it. The arms of this family are,—*azure*, a fess, gobonee, *gules* and *vert*, between three owlets, *argent*.

After this it was in *Thomas Parker*, Esq. His son *Gilbert* articled to convey it with all its profits, rents, &c. and the mansion-house or hall, its barns, stables, lands, orchards, gardens, &c. to *John Palgrave*, Esq. of *Barningham*, and *Clement Palgrave*, Esq. of the Inner *Temple*, *London*.

——— *Thompson* was lord, who conveyed it to *John Grayle*, rector of *Blicking*, who died in 1732.

On *April* 17, in the 25 of *Elizabeth*, *William Dyx*, Esq. had a grant of the fair of *Alburgh*; by his last will it came to *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel*, and his trustees, who by deed, *May* 28, in the 5th of King *James* I. conveyed it to *Robert Dyx* of *Alby*.

The temporalities of *Norwich* priory were 9*s.*

The tenths, 3*l.* 1*s.* Deducted 10*s.*

William Earl *Warren* had in this town, at the survey, 60 acres of land, held by 3 villains and 4 bordarers, with one carucate and a half; this part being a beruite to his manor of *Gresham*, was 8 furlongs long, and 3 broad, and paid 5*d.* halfpenny gelt.[5]

See in *Gresham* manor.

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Mary*, and is a rectory; formerly valued at 16 marks, paid *Peter*-pence, 5*d. ob.* The present valor is 8*l.* and is discharged of first fruits and tenths.

In the 3d of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *Robert de Basingham*, petent, and *Roger Bigod* Earl of *Norfolk*, deforcient, of this advowson.

RECTORS.

In the 37th of *Henry* III. *William de Ruse*, occurs rector. In the reign of *Edward* I. the Earl of *Norfolk* was patron; and the rector had a manse with 16 acres of land.

[4] Reg. Spyltimer, fol. 287.

[5] T're. Willi. de Warrenna——Isti. viz. Grosam) p'tinet i beruita Aldeburc de lx ac. t're. sep. iii villi. et iiii bord. et i car. et dim. intr. eos.—Aldeburg ht. viii qr. in longo. et iii in lato. et de gelto vd. et obolu.

1303, *John de Honyng*, instituted rector, presented by *Roger Bygod* Earl of *Norfolk*.
1320, *William Franceys*, by *Thomas* Earl of *Norfolk*.
1346, *John le Wayte*, by Sir *Edward Montacute*.
1371, *John Pyper*, by *William de Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk*.
1396, *William Horn*, by *Margaret* Countess of *Norfolk*.
1418, *Nicholas Bovy*, by *John*, Earl-Marshal.
1422, *Robert Blakelow*, *Ditto*.
1424, *Thomas Wilson*. *Ditto*.
1432, *John Atte-Medowe*, by *John*, Duke of *Norfolk*.
1467, *John Wyppe*. *Ditto*.
1504, *John Bartilmew*, by *Elizabeth* Dutchess of *Norfolk*.
1515, *Henry Smithson*.
1520, *John Hewe*, by *Thomas* Earl of *Surry*.
1551, *Brian Smith*, by the King.
1580, *William Youngs*, by the Queen.
1592, *John Burgrave*. *Ditto*; he returned 70 communicants in 1603.
1614, *Edmund Hamond*, by *John Griffith*, Esq.
1628, *Thomas Reve*, by *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel*; it came into the *Howard* family again, by a grant of King *James* I. *June* 17, *a°*. 1, being forfeited on the attainder of the Duke of *Norfolk* in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*.
1647, *George Fen*.
1699, *Jos. Ward*, by *John Harbord*, Esq.
1717, *Alexander Thompson*. *Ditto*.
1728, *Joseph Ward*, by *Harbord Harbord*, Esq.
1730, *John Tayleur*, by *Harbord Harbord*, Esq.
1738, *Jona. Wrench*. *Ditto*.
1742, *William Herring*, by *William Morden Harbord*.
1747, *Richard Parkinson*, by Sir *William Harbord*, Bart.

ANTINGHAM,

Roger Bigot, ancestor to the Earls of *Norfolk*, had, at the survey, two borderers, who held of him half a carucate of land, which was valued under the said *Roger's* manor of *Suffield*; and *Torstin*, son of *Wido*, held under *Roger*, what 3 freemen held in King *Edward's* reign, under *Almarus Alwold* and *Anspatus*: *viz* one carucate and an half of meadow, with 4 villains and 4 bordarers; and 2 carucates of the tenants, valued at 25*s*. but at the survey at 36*s*. *per ann*.[6]

[6] Terra Rogeri Bigoti.—In Antigeham ii bor ht. dim. car. app'tiati s't. in Sutfelle in hoc Antigeham iii libi. ho'es, i fuit Almari, alter Alwoldi, ter. Anspati. i. car. et dim. t're. tenent, quos tenet Torstinus f. Wd. semp. iiii villi. et iiii bor. tc. et p. i car. et dim. et mo. ii car. et dim. iii ac. p'ti. et ii car. hou'm. sep. tc. et p. val. xxv. sol. mo. xxxvi.

The ancient family of *De Antingham* was enfeoffed of it under the *Bigots*, probably descended from *Torstin*.

Stephen de Antingham, and *Nicholas*, his son, occur *sans* date.[7] *Nicholas*, son of *Walter*, released to *Roger de Antingham*, all his right in a carucate of land here, and in *Walsham*, which was *Bartholomew de Antingham's* in the 3d of *Henry* III.

In the 16th of *Edward* I. *Bartholomew de Antingham* died lord, and of *Herburgh*, some place near this town, and *Roger* was his son and heir, aged 4 years; held of the abbot of St. *Bennet* of *Holme*, (as then said,) by the service of 12*s*. 4*d*. *per ann.*; and in the 9th of *Edward* II. *Roger de Antingham* was lord; in the 15th of that King, he had free warren here and in *Bradfield*, and was the King's valet. *Selden* observes that valet was anciently with us (as in *France*,) a name specially denoting young gentlemen of great descent and quality.[8] By *Amitia*, his wife, he was father of *Bartholomew de Antingham*, and in the 39th of *Edward* III. *Bartholomew de Antingham* was lord.

After this it was in the *Wichinghams*, of *Wichingham Magna*;[9] *Nicholas Wichingham*, Esq. and *Joan*, his 2d wife, held their first court here in the 4 of *Henry* V. *Joan*, his widow, and *Edmund* her son and heir, held in the 28 of *Henry* VI.[1] and in the 2d of *Edward* IV. it was settled on the said *Edmund*, and *Alice*, his wife, daughter and heir of Sir *John Fastolf*, for life; on a division of his estate, it was the part or share of *Joan*, (one of his 4 daughters and coheirs,) married to *Robert Longstruther*, Esq. who dying without issue, she remarried *Robert Bois*, Esq. 2d son of Sir *Roger Bois* of *Honing*, and held her first court in the 14 of the said King, then widow of *Robert Bois*, by whom she had a daughter, *Catherine*, married to *Edmund Jenney*, of *Knattshall* in *Suffolk*, knight, who held his first court in the first of *Richard* III. and was father of *William Jenney*, Esq. who married, first *Etheldreda*, or *Dorothy*, daughter of *Robert Clere* of *Ormesby*, Esq. and held a court in the 11th of *Henry* VII. and another in the 20 of that King, with *Elizabeth*, his 2d wife, daughter of —— *Briton* of *London*, Esq. by whom he had *Francis*, his son, who in the 6th of *Edward* VI. made a lease of this manor for years (after the decease of his mother, *Elizabeth*, wife of Sir *Thomas Nevill*) to *Thomas Hunt*, who assigned it to *Thomas Gryme*, Gent. *Francis* married *Margaret*, daughter of Sir *Robert Peyton* of *Isleham* in *Cambridgeshire*; and in the 12th of *Elizabeth*, sold all his right to *Gryme*.

Thomas Gryme married *Amphillis*, daughter of *Robert Themilthorp* of *Folsham*, Esq. *Amphillis*, his widow, held it in the 35th of the said Queen; and afterwards married *John Kemp*, 2d son of Sir *Robert Kemp*, of *Gissing* in *Norfolk*; they settled it on *Robert Kemp* of *Gissing*, Esq. who was lord in the 8 of *James* I. and in 1700, Sir *Robert Kemp*, Knt. was lord; and *William Kemp*, Esq. 2d son of Sir *Robert*, in 1705.

Antingham bore *sable*, a bend, *argent*. *Bois*, *argent*, two bars and

[7] Regist. de Hulmo, fol. 95.

[8] Titles of Honour, p. 831.

[9] Margaret Witchingham, widow of Sir William Witchingham, and mother of Nicholas, presented to this church, in 1388, which proves their right here, at this time.

[1] In 1446, Robert Lyston, Gent. had an interest here, and presented to the church. See in Melton.

a canton, *gules*, a bend over all, *sable*. *Jenny, ermin*, a bend, *gules*, between two bendlets, *or*. *Briton, azure*, two chevrons and as many mullets in chief, *or*. *Kemp, gules*, three garbs in a bordure engrailed, *or*.

To this lordship belonged the church of St. *Mary*, in this town, which was a rectory, anciently valued at 5 marks. In *Henry* the Third's time there were two medieties, but in the reign of *Edward* I. it appears to be divided into 4 parts or portions.

In the 3d year of *Henry* III *Reginald*, abbot of St. *Benet's de Hulmo*, conveyed to *Roger de Antingham* the moiety of the advowson of this church, and *Roger* paid to him 40*s.* sterling on this account; and *William le Ruse* died rector in the 37th of that King.

In the 4th of *Edward* I. *William de Pirnho* claimed a fourth part of the advowson, but *John de Creke*, who married one of the heirs of *Bartholomew de Antingham*, recovered it against him; about this time, *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*, Earl-Marshal and capital lord of this manor, was patron of one portion; *John de Creke*, patron of another; *Bartholomew de Antingham*, patron of a 3d portion; and *Hugh de Falkenour* of a fourth *Peter*-pence were 6*d. q.* The present valor is 6*l.* 3*s.* 1*d.* and is discharged from first fruits and tenths.

RECTORS.

In 1280, *Thomas* occurs rector.

1305, *Ralph Aubre*, instituted to a fourth part, presented by Sir *John Bovill*, son of *William*.

1308, *John de Hemingsburgh*, to a fourth by the King.

1311, *Robert de Hemmyngburgh* to a fourth, by *Thomas de Brotherton* Earl of *Norfolk*.

1325, *Jeffrey de Loftegrave* to a fourth. *Ditto*

1327, *Edmund de Brewse* to a fourth, by Sir *Thomas Latimer*.

1333, *John de Creting* to a fourth. *Ditto*.

1334, *William de Swerdeston* to a mediety, by Sir *Roger de Antingham*.

1334, *Thomas de Preston* to a mediety. *Ditto*.

1335, *Richard Marcom* to a mediety. *Ditto*.

1338, *William de Creting* to a fourth, by Sir *Thomas Latymer*.

1349, *John Mondegome* to a fourth. *Ditto*.

1351, *John Godknape* to a fourth, by the Bishop of *Norwich*, a lapse.

1366, *Simon de Ramsey* to a fourth, by *George de Felbrigge*.

1370, *Jeffrey Josep* to a fourth, by *John de Wolterton* and *George Felbrigge*,

1371, *John Masoun* to a fourth, by *George Felbrigge*.

1385, *Henry Gille* to a fourth, by *Margaret* Countess of *Norfolk*.

1386, *Robert Walters* to a fourth, by Sir *George Felbrigge*.

1387, *Robert Debenham*, by *Margaret* Countess of *Norfolk*.

1388, *Reginald Crowe* to a mediety, by *Margaret de Wychingham*; this *Margaret* was now widow of Sir *William de Wichingham*.

1395, *John Pecok* to a mediety, by *Nicholas de Wychingham*.
Thomas Day, rector of a third part.

1409, *William Ham*, by Sir *John Gyneye*.

1412, *Thomas Bowde* to a third, by Sir *Miles* and Sir *Brian Stapleton.*

1414, *John Ham* to a mediety, by *John Hevenyngham*, feoffee of *Nicholas Wychingham.*

1437, *Richard Wyston*, by *Joan Wychingham.*

1446, *Jeffrey Lesyngham* to a third part, by *Robert Lyston*, Gent. his right came as heir to the *Carbonells*, and Sir *John Bovill*, &c.

1450, *John Cley* to a mediety, by *Joan*, relict of *Nicholas Wychingham.*

1452, *John Burgeys* to a third, by *John* Duke of *Norfolk.*

1467, *William Kyng* to two parts, by *Robert Lyston* of *Badingham* in *Suffolk*, Esq.

Henry Keson, rector.

1502, *Symon Rysing*, by *Andrew Sulyard*, Esq. and *Margery* his wife, *Ed. Rouse*, and *Margaret* his wife.

John Coote, rector.

1538, *John Cocke*, by *Elizabeth Potkyn*, late wife of *William Jenney*, Esq.

1554, *Edmund Ingloss*, by the assignees of Sir *Edmund Windham.*

1558, *Nicholas Church*, by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk.*

1570, *William Halle*, (in 1603, he returned 60 communicants,) by *Thomas Gryme*, Gent.

1614, *Thomas Smith*, by *Robert Kemp.*

1616, *Sam. Withe*, by *John Windham*, Esq. who recovered it against *Robert Kemp.*

1635, *Edward Rowse*, by *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel.*

William Starkey, rector.

1660, *Robert Bullock*, by *John Wyndham*, Esq.

1675, *Nicholas Pollard*, by the assignees of *Henry* Earl of *Norwich.*

1679, *George Raymond*, by *Robert Kemp*, Esq.

1690, *Robert Harvey*, by *Ash Windham*, Esq.

1701, *Thomas Gill*, by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk.*

1705, *Francis Gardiner*, by *Robert Kemp*, Esq.

1710, *Thomas Dunch*, by *Ash Windham*, Esq.

1718, *William Webb*, by *John Anstis*, Esq.

1754, *Isaac Horsely*, by Sir *William Harbord*, Bart.

In this church were the guilds of St. *John Baptist*, St. *Margaret* and St. *Mary*, *Trinity* altar and St. *Nicholas's* light.—In the church, a grave-stone,

In memory of Ralph Berney, who married ————, sister of Sir William Fermour.

One for

John Cuddon, son of George Cuddon, Esq. who married Anne Berney.

Under a marble grave-stone at the east end of the nave, as you enter the chancel, was the portraiture of *Richard Calthorp*, Esq. and *Anne* his wife, and 19 children. On a brass plate,

Here under lyeth buried Richard Calthorp, Esq. (son of John Calthorp of Cockthorpe, Esq.) and Anne, his wife, daughter of Sir Edmund Hastings, late wife of Richard Reymes, Esq. of Oxtrand, by whom he had 19 *sons, and daughters; he departed this life January* 30, 1554, *and the said Anne deceased March* 19, 1562.——*God be praised.*

A grave stone,

In memory of Bertram Calthorp, Esq. 15th child of Richard and Ann;—on it his arms, and those of *Tichbourn*, impaled, and 6 daughters on their knees.

On a grave-stone in the chancel,

Orate p. a'ia Henrici Keson nup. rectoris istius eccl'ie, obijt 26 *Oct.* 1505.

Against the wall of the chancel on an alabaster monument,

Here resteth the body of John Kemp, Esq. second son of Robert Kemp of Gissing, Esq. who had issue by Anne, daughter of Robert Cuddon, Esq. Robert, his son and heir, who erected this monument, and died November 18, 1610.

In the windows are the arms of *Calthorp* and *Hastings*, impaled; also *Jermy* and *Calthorp*, and *Kemp* and *Calthorp*.

Robert Jenney of this town, gent. was buried according to his will, dated December 6, 1560, *in this church.*

Robert Lyston of *Badingham* in *Suffolk*, Esq. by his will, dated 28th *September*, and proved 1484, orders that his feoffees of this advowson, &c. should settle it on *Isabel*, his wife, for life, to maintain *John* his son, and for his daughter's portion; remainder to *John*, his son.

ST. BENNET'S MANOR.

The abbey of St. *Bennet* of *Holme* held here in King *Edwards* reign, and at the survey, a lordship consisting of 2 carucates of land, two villains, and 6 borderers, 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants; paunage for 4 swine, 2 acres of meadow, 2 runci, 3 cows, &c. 6 sheep; and 3 freemen belonged to it, who could either give or sell their land, containing half a carucate of land, and a carucate and an acre of meadow; valued in King *Edward's* time at 30*s.* at the survey at 40*s.* It was 8 furlongs long, 5 and an half broad, and paid 19*d.* halfpenny gelt.[2]

In the 6th of *Henry* I. this lordship belonged to the chamberlain of St. *Bennet's* abbey;[3] and in the reign of *Henry* II. the abbot had a precept to hold it freely, as *Adam*, the steward of the abbey had acknowledged it to be freely his, and held of the abbey.

Peter de Alto Bosco, or *de Hautbois*, gave to King *John*, in his 12th year, 20 marks, to have seisin of it, and that of *Thurgarton*, with the hundred of *Tunstead*, and the stewardship of the abbey, which he claimed of the abbot; but in the 19th of *Henry* III. the said *Peter* released all his right.[4]

[2] Terra S'ci. Benedicti de Holmo.—In Attingai i car. t're. sep. ii vill. et viii bor. ii. car. in d'nio. ii car. hom. silva iiii porc. ii ac. pti. ii runc. iii an. v por. lx ov. et iii libi. ho'es q. por. t'ram suam dare et vendere, dim. car. t're. et i ac. p'ti. sep. i car. tc. val. xxx sol. mo. xl. ht. viii quar. in long. et v. et dim. in lat. et xiiid et ob. de g.

[3] Reg. Holm. p. 95, 104, &c.

[4] Reg. Paston.

In 1257, the chamberlain held it, with a mill, &c. and in the 3d of *Edward* I. the jury for the hundred present, that the abbot would not permit his brewers and maltsters in this town and *Antingham*, to appear before the King's bailiffs at the lete for the hundred; but the abbot waved his right.

In 1428, the chamberlain held it. At the Dissolution, on the exchange of lands, &c. between the King, and the Bishop of *Norwich*, it was granted to that see; and in the 4th and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary*, *Robert Rugg* farmed it of the Bishop at 6*l.* 17*s.* 2*d. per ann.* with all the messuages, lands, fisheries, liberties, foldage, &c. in *Antingham*, *Bradfield*, *Felmingham*, and *Thorp*, and had a lease of it for 99 years, and the Bishop is the present lord.

To this lordship belonged the patronage of the church of St. *Margaret* of *Antingham*, a rectory formerly valued at 6 marks; the abbot of St. *Bennet* had a portion of tithe in it of 20*s. per ann.* and the chamberlain one of 13*s.* 4*d.* the present valor is 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is discharged from first fruits and tenths.—The pension, on a suit with the rector, was acknowledged by him to be paid on account of 2 parts of the tithes of the abbot's demean lands, and all the small tithe of the said manor that belonged to the abbot.

RECTORS.

In the reign of *Edward* I. the rector had 10 acres of land, but no manse.

In 1291, *Thomas* occurs rector.

1302, *Walter de Pickering* instituted, presented by the abbot.

1304, *John de Norton*, by the King, in the vacancy of the abbey.

1318, *Robert de Carleton*, collated by *Garcellinus*, Cardinal St. *Marcellinus*, and vice-chancellor of the Pope.

1331, *Ralph de Welyngham*, by the abbot.

1433, *John Shaw*. *Ditto.*

1447, *Thomas Apylton*. *Ditto.*

1463, *And. Belle*. *Ditto.*

1468, *Sim. Aleyn*. *Ditto.*

1473, *Thomas Cook*. *Ditto.*

1504, *Sim. Holle*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1518, *Thomas Gardiner*, by the abbot.

1519, *Edmund Halteman*. *Ditto.*

1528, *John Godbere*.

1554, *Robert Church*, by *Robert Rugge*, citizen and alderman of *Norwich*, by virtue of his lease, as I take it, of this manor from the Bishop.

1559, *Richard Gatefeld*, by *Franc. Rugge*.

1560, *Nicholas Church*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1570, *William Fasset*. *Ditto.*

1582, *John Wright*. *Ditto:* in 1603, he returned 56 communicants, and was vicar of *Ludham*.

1610, *William Starkey*, by the Bishop.

1617, *Edmund Wilson*. *Ditto.*

1662, *Robert Bullock*. *Ditto.*

1675, *Nicholas Pollard*. *Ditto.*

1679, *George Raynsond*, by the Bishop.
1690, *Robert Harvey*. *Ditto*.
1701, *Thomas Jeffrey*. *Ditto*.
1736, *John Fowke*, by the Bishop.

In the porch was the image of St. *Margaret*.

In the 3d year of King *Edward* III. *John* Earl *Warren* had an homage, or lordship here, valued at 10*l. per ann.* which King *Henry* II. gave to *Hamelin Plantaginet* Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, belonging to his lordship of *Gimingham*, at a place here, called *Hulver*.

Sir *Thomas Bedingfeld* and *Alice* his wife, and *Firmin Rokewode*, Esq. son and heir apparent of *Alice*, conveyed a manor here (which I take to be this) to *Edmund Wyndham*, Esq. in the 29th of *Henry* VIII. and *Richard Culthorp*, Esq. probably died seized of it in 1554.

The tenths were 2*l.* 14*s.*—Deducted 4*s.*

AYLMERTON.

WILLIAM Earl *Warren* held a moiety of this town, by the gift of the Conqueror, of which *Viulf*, a freeman of *Edric* was deprived, 2 carucates of land belonged to it, 3 villains, 18 borderers, with 2 servi, 2 carucates in demean, 2 amongst the tenants, &c. 2 acres and a half of meadow, one runcus, 3 cows, &c. 40 sheep, 60 goats, and the moiety of the church, endowed then with 10 acres; 2 soomen had 20 acres of land, and half a carucate and an acre of meadow, valued then at 20*s.* but after, and at the survey at 40*s.* it was 9 furlongs long, 6 broad, and paid 8½*d.* gelt; this manor was of the fee of *Frederic*, and came by an exchange for lands at *Lewes* in *Sussex*.[s]

Peter Braunche, in the 18th of *Henry* III. had a grant of two fees in this town and *Gresham*, with the advowson of the church belonging to it, from his father *Richard*, to be held of *Richard*, who held them of the Earl *Warren*; and several tenants and villains belonged to it. *Richard* was son of *William Braunche*, and taken prisoner by King *John* in the war with his barons; and on the peace made between them and the king, about 1213, he obtained the King's license and writ to the sheriff of *Norfolk*, to make an aid on his tenants to ransom him; and *Richard*, son of *Peter*, in the 44th of *Henry* III. granted this lordship to the Earl *Warren*.

Roger de Stutevile had also an interest herein, in the 24th of *Henry*

[s] Tre. Willi. de Warenna.—In Almertune, ten. Willm. ii car. tre. quas tenuit Viulfus, i lib. ho. Edrici. semp. iii villi. et xiii bord. tc. ii fer. tc. et p'. ii. car. in dnio. modo. i semp. ii car. hom. silva. ad iiii porc. ii ac. pti et dim. tc. i runc. tc. iii an. tc. ix porc. m°. iii tc. xl ov. m°. xv tc. lx cap. dimid. eccliæ. x ac. et duo soc. de xx ac. tre. dimidia car. i ac. pti. tc. valet xx sol. et p. et mo. xl. et ht. ix. qr. in longo. et vi in lato. et de gelto viii den. et iii ferding. et hoc est maner. de feudo Frederici de escangio Lewes.

III. and is said to hold 2 fees of the Earl *Warren* and *Surry*, then in the King's hand.

King *Edward* II. in his first year, granted to *Edmund Bacon*, the lands in this town, late *Robert Stutvile's*, which eschaeted to his father; and *Margery*, late wife of *Edmund*, held 2 fees here, and in *Gresham*, of the Earl *Warren*, afterwards.

In the 40th of *Edward* III. there was a partition of the lands of the late Sir *Edmund Bacon*, between *William Molyns* and *Margaret* his wife, *John Burghersh* and *Maud* his wife, daughters of Sir *Edmund*; but others say, this *Maud* was daughter of Sir *William de Kerdeston* and *Margery* his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir *Edmund*.

Walter de Wolterton and *Christiana* his wife were deforcients, and *Brian Harsyke* querent, in a fine of this manor, in the 6th of *Henry* VI.

Roger Bigot, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, had of the gift of the Conqueror, 2 separate tenures in this town, *viz.* one carucate of land, with 7 villains and 7 borderers, one carucate in demean, and one amongst the tenants; 2 socmen held 16 acres of land, with half a carucate; an acre and half of meadow, of which a freeman of *Elwin* was deprived, valued at 20*s.* at the survey at 40*s.*—*Roger* held also, on the deprivation of *Alward*, 2 socmen with 12 acres of land and 3 borderers who had half a carucate of ploughed land, which was valued in *Felbrigg*.[6]

In the 9th of *Edward* I. *Roger Bigod* (a younger branch of the Earls of *Norfolk*,) had a lordship here, and a grant of free warren.

Richer de Refham and *Joan* his wife granted by fine to *Symon Bigot* of *Felbrig*, 26 messuages, 215 acres of land, 6 of pasture, 104*s.* rent, and 2 parts of a mill in *East-Herling*, *Palling*, &c. with this manor and advowson.

In the 28th of *Edward* III. the King granted to *Roger Fitz Simon de Felebrig*, view of frankpledge here, and in *Felbrigg*, and in the 31st of that King, *Thomas Laveriche* of *Suthstede* confirmed to Sir *Roger de Felbrigge*, a fold-course in this town.

Sir *Simon Felbrigg* died possessed of it, in the 21st of *Henry* VI.

John Wymondham, Esq. by his will dated *April* 26, 1475, gave it to his son *John*, and in this family it still continues, *Ash Windham*, Esq. being lord in 1742, and patron.

William Windham, Esq. his son and heir, who died in 1761, leaving his son a minor: see in *Felbrigg*.

The tenths were 2*l.* 13*s.*—Deducted 3*s.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *John Baptist*, and consisted of 2 medieties, both belonging to the Earl *Warren's* manor.

In the beginning of King *Edward* the First's reign, each rector had a manse and 15 acres of land; the mediety of *Thomas*, the rector, was valued at 5 marks, and that of *John* the rector at 5 marks, *Peter*-pence 12*d.*

The present valor is 6*l.* 11*s.* *ob.*

[6] Terra Rogeri Bigoti——In Almerthne, i lib. ho. Elwini, m°. Rog. et ht. i car. tre. sep. vii villi. et vii bor. et i car. in dnio. et i car. houm. sub isto ii soc. xvi ac. tre. et sep. dim. car. et silv. ad iiii por. i ac. et dim. ptl. tc. et p' val. xx sol. et m°. xl——In Almestuna ii soc. quos ten. Alwards de xii ac. tre. et iii bor. sep. cum dim. car. arar. et hoc totu. e. in ptio. de Felebruge.

RECTORS.

John de Sutton occurs rector, the 22d of *Edward* I.

1302, *Richard de Sutton*, instituted rector of a mediety, presented by the Bishop, a lapse.

1304, *John Fitz Gilbert*, by the Earl *Warren*.

1307, *Alexander de Refham*, to a mediety, by *Richer de Refham*, citizen of *London*: this mediety was sold to him by fine, in the 31st of *Edward* I. by *Peter de Beckham*.

1309, *William de Burstow*, by *John* Earl *Warren*.

1318, *Adam de Brydelington*. *Ditto*.

1339, *Peter de* St. *John*. *Ditto*.

1339, *William de Huntingfeld*. *Ditto*.

1339, *John Rayner*. *Ditto*.

1349, *Richard Fransham*, by the Lady *Joan de Barr*, Countess *Warren*.

1371, *Hugh Astel*, by *John* Duke of *Lancaster*.

1371, *William Asser*. *Ditto*.

1376, *John de Kendale*, by *John* King of *Castile* and *Leon*.

1377, *John Wyndesbury*. *Ditto*.

1379, *Gero. Att-Wyke*. *Ditto*.

1381, *John Marcheford*. *Ditto*.

1384, *Thomas Longedale*. *Ditto*.

1389, *Richard Brown*, by Sir *Simon de Felbrigg*, Knt.

1396, *Robert Lane*. *Ditto*.

1396, *William Galpyn*. *Ditto*.

1401, *John de Lynford*, by the King, as Duke of *Lancaster*.

1402, *John Newman*. *Ditto*.

1404, *John Mundeford*, by Sir *Miles Stapleton*, &c.

1412, *Hugh Couteshale*, by Sir *John Howard*.

1419, *John Cony*, by Sir *Sim. Felbrigg*.

1419, *John Buxton*. *Ditto*.

John Baker, rector.

1430, *Roger Waker*. *Ditto*.

1431, *Robert Godfrey*. *Ditto*.

1435, *William Pope*, by the feoffees of King *Henry* VI.

1446, *Abraham Combe*, by *Catherine*, relict of Sir *Sim. Felbrige*.

1449, *William Snelling*, by the King.

1457, *Abraham Crome*. *Ditto*.

1468, *James Holderness*, by *John Wymandham*, Esq.

1486, *William Law*, by the King.

1493, Mr. *John Everard*, L. L. B. by Sir *John Wyndham*.

1495, *William Law*, by the King.

John Plough, rector.

1531, *Cuthbert Andrews*, by Mr. *Wyndham*.

1554, *Edmund Windham*, by Sir *Edmund Wyndham*.

1570, *Thomas Musgrave*, by *Fran. Windham*, executor of Sir *Edmund*.

1584, *Thomas Musgrave*, the Queen, by lapse.

In 1603, *John Rose* was rector, and returned 99 communicants.

Thomas Blofield died rector in 1675, and was buried in the church where he has this epitaph:

Memoriæ nunquam morituræ sacrum, Tho. Blofield, hujus eccles. rectoris, apud Cantabrig. e collegio Sci. Benedicti, A. M. obt. circa annum ætatis suæ sexagesimum sextum 18°. *Nov.* 1675.

Patrick St. *Clair* resigned in 1741, and *Tim. Jones*, presented by *Ash Windham*, Esq.

1760, *John Alexander*, by *William Windham*, Esq.

1764, Mr. ——— *Lukin*.

Here was the sepulchre light, that of *Allhallows*, St. *Mary*, and St. *Nicholas*, and the men's plough light.—St. *John's* drinking at *Midsummer*, *Rogation* drinking, and on *Allhallows Thursday*.

In the 12th of *Edward* II. the moiety of this church was settled with the hundreds of *Gallow*, &c. by *John* Earl *Warren*, on *Thomas* Earl of *Lancaster* and his heirs, and so became part of the dutchy of *Lancaster*.

There was a light in many churches, called the plough-light, maintained by old, and young persons who were husbandmen, before some image, and on *Plough Monday* had a feast, went about with a plough, and some dancers to support it.

BASINGHAM.

This town was granted, and belonged at the survey, to *Drogo de Beuraria*; in King *Edward's* time a freeman was lord of it, and held it under the protection of *Edric*, but was deprived; it contained then a carucate of land, and on the day that *R. Malet's* father went into the Conqueror's service, he had retained him; and *Drogo's* man or tenant declares, there were 8 villains, 7 borderers, 1 carucate in demean, and 2 amongst the tenants, with one acre of meadow, and 2 swine, valued at 20*s*. but at the survey at 60*s*.[7]

The town takes it name from its site, on a low ing, or meadow; thus *Basing*, in *Hampshire*; *Basingburn* in *Cambridgeshire*, &c.

Drogo was a noble *Fleming*, (who attended *William* Duke of *Normandy*,) Earl of *Holderness*, in *Yorkshire*, and married a niece of the Conqueror.

The family of *de Basingham* were enfeoffed of it.—*Robert* son of *Walter de Basingham*, gave by deed *sans date*, to *Alan*, son of *John le Page*, with *Petronilla* his sister, in marriage, a mill at *Bordestede*;—witnesses, *Fulco de Banierd*, *Alexander de Vaux*, *Reyner de Burgh*, &c.

[7] Terra Drogonis de Beuraria——Basingeham, ten. i lib. ho. T. R. E. comd. Edrici i car. tre. et in die quâ Pat. R. Malet ivit in servitium regis, tenebat cum, et ho. Drogonis p'hibet. sep. viii villi. et vii bor. sep. i car. in dnio. et ii hou. i ac. pti. m°. ii por. te. val. xx m°. lx.

Sir *Piers de Basingham*, lord, left 3 daughters and coheirs; *Christian*, the eldest, married Sir *Walter de Mauteby*: *Margaret*, married Sir *John de Flegg*; and *Alice*, the 3d, Sir *Piers* of *Brampton*.—Sir *Piers Bassingham* was probably son of *Eustace de Bassingham*, subcollector and accountant (in the 15th of King *John*) of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, under *Robert Fitz-Roger*.[s] In the 24th of *Henry* III. *Robert de Mauteby* held half a fee of *Roger Fitz Osbert*, and he of the Earl *Warren*.

William le Fleght, or *Flegg*, released to *Walter de Mauteby*, all his right and title in this manor; that of *West Beckam* and *Matalak* in the 6th of *Edward* I. and *John de Mauteby* was lord in the 9th of *Edward* II. Sir *John de Mauteby* presented to this church in 1326, Sir *Robert de Mauteby* in 1347, and Sir *John Mauteby* in 1369, and 1397.

In the reign of *Henry* VI. *Margaret*, daughter and heir of Sir *John Mauteby*, Knt. brought it by marriage to *John Paston*, Esq. of *Paston*, in which family it was in 1742, *William* Earl of *Yarmouth* being lord, and was soon after possessed by the Lord *Anson*, who purchased that Earl's estate in *Norfolk*; and on that Lord's death, *June* 6, 1762, came to his brother *Thomas Anson*, Esq.

In 1600, the rent of assize of this lordship was 8*l*. 1*s*. 5*d*.—Farm of the site of it, and of the demean lands 70*l*.—Profits of the court 20*s*. and rent of 9 capons and 17 hens, in the whole 79*l*. 1*s*. 5*d*. *per ann*.—Rent resolute, or paid out of this, 1*l*. 7*s*. 9*d*. *ob*.

At *Basingham Wongs* was a fair kept, for which the lord of this town was paid 9*s*. 8*d*. *per ann*. from *Alburgh*, as in the 25th of *Elizabeth*.

The tenths were 1*l*. 18*s*. 8*d*.

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Mary*, and is a rectory; in the reign of *Edward* I. Sir *Robert de Mauteby* was patron: the rector had an edifice, with 30 acres of land, and was valued at 6 marks and an half; *Peter*-pence 5*d*. the present valor is 4*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. and is discharged.

RECTORS.

In 1301, *Thomas de Hickling*, instituted rector.
1326, *John de Batesford*, presented by Sir *John de Mauteby*.
1347, *Thomas de Felnetham*, by Sir *Robert de Mauteby*.
1369, *John Bolour*, by Sir *John Mauteby*.
1392, *John Tydesdale*. *Ditto*.
1397, *Clement Hadam*. *Ditto*.

From the *Mautebys* the patronage came to the *Pastons*.

In 1603, *Henry Beane* was rector, and returned 70 communicants, and Sir *William Paston* was lord and patron; in 1742, the Earl of *Yarmouth* was patron.

John Croshold died rector in 1732, and
Francis Coveman was presented by *John Jermy*, Esq. &c. *hac vice*, 1759.
Theoph. Buckridge, in 1760, presented by the Lord *Anson*.

[s] Madox Hist. Exchr. p. 231.

EAST-BECKHAM.

THE Conqueror had a lordship, of which *Seiard Bar* had a freeman, who was added by *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk*, to the manor of *Aylsham*, with 30 acres of land; and one villain in *Aylsham* belonged to it; a bordarer, with one acre, and a socman with one acre; there was also a carucate of land valued in *Aylsham;* the King had the soc and sac of it, excepting of that part which belonged to *Seiard Bar.*[9] *Ralph* had it of the King, with the manor of *Aylsham*, but on his rebellion it came again to the Crown, and was in the King's hands at the survey, and *Godric* was his steward of it.

ISAACK'S MANOR.

KING HENRY II. granted it to *Abraham Felmingham;* it used to pay half a mark of silver yearly, to *Aylesham* manor, but after this grant it paid nothing to that, or any other.

In the 34th of *Henry* III. *William*, son of *Isaac de Felmingham*, held it of the King in *capite*, and died seized of it in the 40th of that King; valued at 40s. *per ann.*—*William de Felmingham* was lord in the 14th of *Edward* I. and claimed view of frank pledge, assise of bread and beer.

Gregory de Felmingham died lord in the 14th of *Edward* II. it was found that he had a messuage, 46 acres of land, 20 of heath, and 10s. rent belonging to it; in *Felmingham*, a messuage, 80 acres of land, one of meadow, and 22s. 8*d.* rent; and having no issue, it came to his sisters and coheirs, &c.

James de Whitwell, who married *Alice*, one of his sisters, and coheirs, paid to the King, 16s. 8*d.* relief, for this part, and they paid also, 33s. 4*d.* for the parts of *Christian* and *Joan*, 2 other of the sisters and coheirs which they had. *Oliver de la Mow*, who married *Elizabeth*, another of the sisters and coheirs, paid 16s. 8*d.* for his relief; and *James Rightwys*, son of *Catharine*, sister also and coheir; and *John*, his brother, rector of *Felmingham*, paid their reliefs.

In the 16th of *Edward* III. *James Rightways* was lord.

Cæcilia, widow of *William Gunmore*, died seized of *Isaack's* manor, held in *capite* by the 8th part of a fee; and *Simon* was her son and heir, aged 50 in the 5th of *Edward* IV. *Simon* left it, in the reign of *Henry* VII. to his son and heir, *Richard Gomere.*

In the 24th of *Henry* VIII. *Robert Gigges* had license to alien it to *Edmund Windham*, and his heirs; and in the 37th of that King, Sir

[9] Terre Regis qua' Godric. servat.—In Becsa. ten. Seiard. Bar. T. R. E. i libu. hoem. com. R. addidit ad Eilesham xxx acr. tre. sep. i vill. p'tinens in Eilesham. i bord. uni. ac. et i soc i ac. sep. car. app'tiati sunt in Eilesham, &c. hti Rex soca' et saca' de Northerpingha. h. p't. t'ram, Seiardi Bar.

Edmund Windham conveyed 2 messuages, one curtelage, 30 acres of land, 20 of pasture, and half a rood of wood, to *Thomas Pygeon*, Gent. and *John Pydgeon*, had livery of it, in the first of *Elizabeth*.

By an inquisition taken at *Norwich*, *May* 22d, in the first of *Elizabeth*, *Thomas Pigeon*, of *East-Beckham*, Gent. was found to die *Octotober*, 18, last past, lord of the manor of *Isaack's*, 10 messuages, 300 acres of land, 16 of meadow, 100 of pasture, 200 of furze and heath, with a free-fold here, &c. and *John* was his son and heir, aged 30; he was son of *Thomas*, by *Elianor*, his wife, daughter of *William Berdwell*, of West *Herling*, Esq. *John* died about the 22d of *Elizabeth*, and by his wife, *Bridget*, had *Thomas*, his son and heir, who aliened it, *August* 10, in the 14th of *James* I. to *Robert Fielding*, clerk, and *William Paine*, Gent. and on *July* 4, in the 16th of that King, *Thomas Derham*, Esq. conveyed it to Sir *Samuel Town*, Knt.

After this, it came to the *Windhams* of *Felbrigg*; and *William Windham*, Esq. died lord in 1761, leaving his son and heir a minor, lord of East *Beckham Isaack's*, and East *Beckham Marriot's*.

William Beaufoe Bishop of *Thetford*, at the survey, had a lordship of the grant of the Conqueror, which he held as a lay fee, in his own right, of which a freeman (who held it under the protection or commendation of *Almar* Bishop of *Norwich*, in King *Edward's* reign) was deprived, who had 80 acres of land, with 2 villains, and 5 bordarers, &c. and a socman had 11 acres and an half of land, with 2 carucates; and there was a church endowed with 2 acres and an half of land. It was made a beruite to the Bishop's manor of *Blickling*, and was then valued at 7*s*. at the survey at 12*s*. was half a leuca long and 4 furlongs broad, and paid 4*d*. halfpenny gelt.[1]

Bartholomew de Swafield held lands here, in the reign of *Richard* I. of the Bishop of *Norwich*; *Richard de Beckham*, and the prior of *Wayborn*, held the 8th part of a fee of *Thomas de Felmingham*, and he of the Bishop, in the 24th of *Henry* III: and *Peter de Felmingham*, in the 3d of *Edward* I. claimed view of frank pledge, and the assise of bread, &c. the prior of *Weyborn* in the 20 of *Edward* III. held it of *Thomas de Weston*, and he of the Bishop.

Geffrey Aleyn of *Cromere*, and *Christian*, his wife, held it of the feofment of *Robert Verley*, by the fourth part of a fee, and he of the Bishop.

The prior of *Waborn* was patron of a 3d part, or turn, in the advowson of thisc hurch, in 1350, and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. the prior and the heirs of *William Wynter* held lands of the Bishop of *Norwich*.

Roger Bigot held also at the survey 60 acres of land, of which a freeman was possessed in the Confessor's time, with one villain and 3 bordarers, a carucate in demean, and half a one amongst his men or tenants, &c. an acre of meadow; and a socman had 4 acres, valued then at 5*s*. 4*d*. at the survey at 10*s*.[2]

[1] Terra Willi. Epi. Tedford. de feudo.—Beccheha' ten. i lib. ho. Epi. Almari com'datione lxxx ac. t'erre. semp. ii villi. et ii villi. et v bord. silva ad v porc. et i soc. de ii ac. et dim. t're. sep. ii car. i ecclia. de ii ac. et dim et e. addita B' wita ad Blikelin'ges tc. val. vii sol. et mo. xii. et ht. dim. leug. in longo, et iiii qr. in lato, et iiii*d*. ob. gelt.

[2] T'ra. Rogeri Bigoti——In Becham i lib. ho. de lx ac. t're. sep. i vill. et iii bor. et i car. in dnio. et dim. ho'um. silva ad v por. i soc. p'ti. et i soc. de iiii ac. t're. tc. val. v sol. et iiii*d*. mo. x sol.

In the 24th of *Henry* III. *Roger de Beckham* had an interest in it, and *Peter de Beckham*, in the 9th of *Edward* II. who with *Mabel*, his wife, settled their lands here in tail, in the 17th of the said King.

Sir *Roger de Beckham* held it in the 20th and 37th of *Edward* III. and *John Clement* of *Cromer* conveyed to *Robert Clere*, this lordship, which *Clere* had also confirmed to him in the said year, by *John Gresham*, of *Holt*.

Sir *William Paston*, the judge, purchased it in 1442, and left it to his son and heir; and Sir *William Paston* was lord in 1600.

The tenths 2*l*. deducted 10*s*.

The church was a rectory, valued at 6 marks, dedicated to — ——

Two parts of it were appropriated by *John de Grey* Bishop of *Norwich*, to *Wayborn* priory.

RECTORS.

In 1316, *William Att the Meadow*, of *Felmingham*, was instituted to the third part, presented by *Gregory de Felmingham*.

1350, *William Attemedow*, to a third part, presented by the prior of *Waborn*, On the 19 of *June*, 1354, *William* Bishop of *Norwich* appropriated this third part to the said priory, who before this, had 2 parts appropriated to them, reserving to the Bishop an annual pension of half a mark; no vicarage was settled, so that it was served by a stipendiary curate.

On the 20th of *June* in the 37th of *Henry* VIII. this rectory was granted to —— *Heydon*, with lands in this town. *William Heydon* had livery of it about the 20th of *Elizabeth*; *William Leigh* was curate of it in 1603, and certified that there were 30 communicants, and that he served it for 4*l*. *per ann.* stipend.

In the 22d of *James* I. *June* 1st Sir *John Hastings*, Knt. conveyed it to Sir *Henry Hobart*, *Ash Wyndham*, Esq. patron of the curacy and impropriator, 1742.

In the windows of the church were the arms of *Beckham*: cheque, *or* and *sable*, a fess, *ermin*; the arms of *Astley Fastolf*,—— and *vert*, three griffins, segreant, *or*; *gules*, a cross, *or*, bore by *Bigod* Earl of *Norfolk*.

Here was the guild of St. *Helen*, to whom it is likely the church was dedicated.

BEESTON REGIS.

Hugh de Montfort, a *Norman*, (assistant justiciary of *England*, with *Odo* Bishop of *Baieux*, the Conqueror's brother, and *William Fitz-Osborn* Earl of *Hereford*,) was lord of a manor, out of which *Bund*, a freeman, was ejected; there belonged to it one carucate of land, with 8 borderers, one carucate in demean, half a one amongst the tenants, paunage for 5 swine, one acre of meadow, one runcus,

2 cows, &c. 20 goats; and 8 soomen held 12 acres of land, and the moiety of a borderer, with half a carucate, then valued at 20*s.* at the survey at 30*s.*[3]

In the 9th of King *John*, *Robert de Utlaghe* granted by fine, to *Hubert de Burgh*, the 3d part of a knight's fee, in this town and *Runton*, and the 3d part of 2 carucates of land in *Hindringham*; and in the 11th of that King, *Hubert* purchased of *Robert Fitz-Hugh*, the 3d part of a fee in *Beeston*, and *Runton*, and the land in *Hindringham*, that is his right in them; this *Hubert* was after created Earl of *Norfolk*, and held them in *capite* of the castle of *Dover*.

Robert de Vere Earl of *Oxford*, held it in the 3d of *Edward* I. with *Runton*, by one fee, and paid 20*s. per ann.* to *Dover* castle; had wreck against his lands, assise of bread, and frank pledge. This *Robert*, and *Alice*, his wife, gave it in the 13th of that King, which the advowson of the church, to *William*, son and heir apparent of *John* Earl *Warren*, in marriage with *Joan*, their daughter, and it was settled on them in tail; some say he was son and heir of *John* Earl *Warren*, but died before his father.

On an inquisition taken after the death of *John* Earl *Warren*, who died *July* 18, in the 21st of *Edward* III. it was found there was in this town a capital messuage, valued at 5*s. per ann.* 200 acres of arable land, valued at 8*d.* per acre; autumn works, at 6*s.* 8*d.* rent of assise at 10 marks; pleas and perquisites of court, at 6*s.* 8*d. per ann.*: that there was a meadow, called *Runton* meadow, valued at 20*s.* and a windmill, at 8 marks *per ann.* and *Richard* Earl of *Arundel* was his heir.

In the 22d of *Richard* II. Sir *Simon Felbrigg* had a grant of it on the attainder of *Richard* Earl of *Arundel*, but on the accession of King *Henry* IV. to the Crown, his son, *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel*, was restored in blood, &c. and *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel* died seized of it.

William Earl of *Arundel* was the last of this family that presented in their right, as lords in the year 1464, and *Elizabeth*, Queen consort of *Edward* IV. presented in 1476, it being in the Crown, and settled on her for life, in the 5th of that King; and in 1521, the King presented. King *Henry* VIII. on *February* 12, in his 3d year, granted it to *Thomas Wyndham*, Esq. with the wards, marriages, reliefs, &c. for 7 years. In the reign of King *Charles* I. it is said to be valued at 20*l. per ann.* it remains in the Crown at this time, and is esteemed as a part or member of the dutchy of *Lancaster*.

Another lordship in this town was possessed at the survey, by *William de Scohies*, or *Escois*, and held of him by *Ingulf*; *Turkil Haco* enjoyed it in King *Edward's* reign, when there was one carucate of land with 3 villains, and 15 borderers, one carucate in demean, and one and an half amongst the tenants, &c. one acre of meadow, one runcus, 2 cows, &c. 22 goats, valued then at 20*s.* at the survey at 40*s.* was one leuca long, and 5 furlongs broad, and paid 11*d. ob.*[4]

[3] Terra Hug. de Monteforti—— In Besetune ten. ide. Hugo. quam ten Bundo, i. lib. ho. T. R. E. i. car. t're. sep. viii. bor. semp. i. car. in d'nio. et dim. car. ho'u. silva. ad v. por. i. ac. p'ti sep. i. r. tc. ii. an'al. mo. tc. v. por. et mo. xi. tc. xx. cap. mo. xxx. et iii. soc. xii. ac t're. et dim. bor. sep. dim. car. tc. et p. val. xx. sol. mo. xxx.

[4] Terra Willi. de Scohies——In Besentuna ten. Turkil Haco T. R. E. i. car. t're. mo. tenet Ingulfus sep. iii. vill. et xv. bor. tc. et p. i. car. in d'nio. mo. i. et dim. sep. i. et dim. ho'u. silv. ad xx. por. i. ac. p'ti. sep. i. r. et ii. an. tc. vii. por. mo. ii. tc. xxii. cap. tc. et p. val. xx. sol. et mo. xl. et ht. i. leug. in long. et v. qr. in lato. et de gelto xid. et obolu.

The ancient family of *de Norfolk* were enfeoffed of this lordship; *Gilbert de Norfolk*, the last of that family, died possessed of it, leaving 5 daughters and coheirs; first married to *Eudo*, son of *Adam de Multon*; 2d, *Maud*, to *William de Verdon*; the 3d, to *Roger de Felbrigg*: 4th, *Emma*, to *William de Maynwaryn*; 5th, to *Robert de Aguillon*.

Richard de Felbrigge was son and heir of *Roger*; this *Richard* was living in the 3d and 4th of *Henry* III. and left *William* his son and heir, who died *s. p.* and married *Mary*, who after his death, remarried *John de Merlai*; and *Eudo de Multon*, in the 24th of *Henry* III. impleaded *John de Merlai* for the 5th part of a fee, which *Emma de Beaufo* late wife of *Gilbert de Norfolk*, held in dower.

William, son of *Richard de Felbrigg*, dying *sans* issue, *Maud*, his sister, was found to be his heir; and as appears by a fine, in the 41st of *Henry* III. was then the widow of *Simon le Bigod* of *Happing*, 3d son of *Roger Bigod* Earl of *Norfolk*, by *Maud*, his wife, daughter of *William Mareschall* Earl of *Pembroke*.

In the 15th of *Edward* I. *Roger Bigod de Felbrigg* claimed wreck at sea in his lands, free warren, the assise, &c. and frank pledge, as held by his ancestors; and *Simon Bigod de Felbrigg* was lord in the 9th of *Edward* II.

Simon de Felbrigg held here and in *Runton*, in the 20th of *Edward* III. the fifth part of a fee of the Earl of *Norfolk*; and Sir *Simon de Felbrigg*, in the first of *Henry* IV. of the Duke of *Norfolk*.

After this, it came to the *Windhams*, of whom, and of the *Felbriggs*, see at large in the town of *Felbrigg*.

In the 3d of *Henry* III. *Richard*, son of *Jesse*, conveyed to the master of the Knights-Templars, 6 acres of land in this town.

The tenths were 2*l.* 10*s.* deducted 10*s.* the temporalities of St. *Faith's* 18*d.* of *Bromholm*, 2*s.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and is a rectory; the old valor was 27 marks. *Peter*-pence, 6*d.*; the present valor is 16*l.* it has a nave, north and south isle, covered with lead, and a chancel tiled

In the reign of *Edward* I. the Earl of *Oxford* was patron; and the rector had then 22 acres of land, with edifices that were ruinous; and *Richard Lovetot* was rector, presented by the Earl of *Oxford*, and *Alice*, his wife.

In the north isle is a monument with the portraitures of a man and woman in brass

Orate p. a'ab; Johs. Deynes et Catharine uxor. sue qui Johs. obt. 20 *Janu.* 1527; on it are an helmet, a pike, and respice.

On a gravestone.

Orate p. a'ia. Tho. Hook, qui obt. ultimo die Nov. 1528.

On another,

The yeare of our Lord M.CCCCCXXXI.

Thomas Symson prist departed, and lyeth under this ston,
The IX *of January alive, and also goon*
Not for an ornament of the body this ston was laid here,
But only the soul to be prayed for, as charite requere.

One

In memory of Thomas Geld, priest, who died Jan. 9, 1531.

Orate p. a'ia Robt. Ryston, canonici fratris istius loci.

In the middle isle a gravestone,

In memory of Edmund Hook, woollen draper, twice mayor and justice of the peace of King's Lynn; he gave 100*l. to be laid out in land for the poor of this place, and upper Runton's jewel, and after spending* 80*, years in piety and charity, died Feb.* 20, 1723. On it the arms of *Hook*, quarterly, *argent*, and *sable*, a cross engrailed between four escallops, counterchanged.

RECTORS.

Ivo de Oldewinele occurs rector in *Edward* I's reign, presented by *Joan*, widow of *William* Earl *Warren*.

1317, *Adam de East-Dene*, presented by *Edmund* Earl of *Arundel*.

Maurice de Hadestock occurs rector in 1328.

1349, *Robert Lawes*, presented by the Attorney-General of *Henry* Duke of *Lancaster*,

1349, *John Auncel. Ditto.*

Robert Bishop, rector.

1377, *William Cockyng*, by *Richard* Earl of *Arundel*.

1383, Mr. *Maurice Campeden*.

1402, *Peter Braunche*, by King *Henry* IV. but this grant was revoked, and in

1404, *John Bray* was presented by *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel*.

1419, Mr. *John Urri*, by the attorney-general of *John* Lord *Arundel* and *Matrevers*.

1434, *John Trumpington*, by *John* Earl of *Arundel*.

Mr. *William Hall*, LL. B. occurs rector in 1447.

1450, *Robert Truelove*, by *William* Earl of *Arundel*.

1464, Mr. *John Cockfeld, Decret. Dr. Ditto.*

1476, *William More*, by *Elizabeth* Queen of *England*.

1478, *Robert Ward. Ditto.*

Robert Waring, alias *Peny*, rector.

1521, *William Chamberleyn*, by the King.

1525, *Richard Scottow. Ditto.*

1552, *Richard Colinson. Ditto.*

1554, *John Barne*, by the Queen.

1571, *Thomas Lusher. ditto:* he returned in 1603, 140 communicants.

1612, *William Fleming*, by the King.

1622, *John Furmarie*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1661, *Roger Flint*, A. M. by the King.

1685, *James Banfield. Ditto.*

1743, *Ellis Bullemer*, on *James Banfield's* death, by the King.

1746, *John Ellis. Ditto.*

1756, *Wormley Martin. Ditto.*

1762, *Ellis Bullemer, ditto*, who died in 1764.

The chancellor of the dutchy of *Lancaster* presents, as being in the Crown.

In the church was the guild of St. *Mary*.

BRESTON-PRIORY AND MANOR.

This priory was dedicated to St. *Mary*; founded by the lady *Isabel de Cressy*, in the reign of King *John*, for canons of the order of St. *Austin*. *John de Martai* conveyed to that lady and her heirs, a messuage with 40 acres of land, in this town and *Runton*, with certain demean lands, rents, services, meadows, wreck of sea, fisheries, &c. here, which the said lady settled on it; also that part of the lordship which came on the division to *Eudo de Moulton*, was granted to it. This *Isabel* was daughter and coheir of *Hubert*, Baron *de Rhia*, married first to *Jeffrey de Chester*, and after to Sir *Roger de Cressy*. *Olivia*, her sister, married *John Marshall*, nephew of *William Marshall* Earl of *Pembroke*.

PRIORS.

In the 52d of *Henry* III. *Roger* occurs prior.
1314, *William de Boston*, admitted prior by the Bishop.
1385, *Jeff. de Boton.*
1409, *Laurence de Beston.*
1416, *Jeff. de Runton*, who occurs in 1435.
John Catesson, prior.
1468. *John Wiekmer.*
In 1520, *John Poty* occurs prior.
Simon Robyns, occurs prior.

1532, *Richard Hudson:* he, with *Nicholas Woodforth* and 3 other canons subscribed to the King's supremacy, *August* 11, 1534. *Hudson* had a pension of 5*l. per ann.* for life, and enjoyed it in 1553, then rector of *Newton Flotman;* the canons had also pensions assigned them. In 1553, there remained 13*l.* 4*s.* in fees paid, and 13*s.* 4*d.* in annuities from the Crown.

John Fenne, who had been steward of the priory, had a pension in 1555, and Sir *John Godsalve*, Knt. an annuity of 13*s.* 4*d.*—At the Dissolution, *Nicholas Woodforth* was found guilty of incontinency, *cum salutâ*, by the commissioners.

I find legacies given to our Lady of Grace, and our Lady of *Pity*, in this priory.

Lucia, abbess of *Caen* in *Normandy*, granted by fine, in the 52d of *Henry* III. the advowson of *Staninghall* church in *Norfolk*, to this convent, and *Roger* was then prior.

The prior, as lord of a manor, claimed in the 14th of *Edward* I. frank-pledge, assise, &c. and in the 20th of *Edward* III. was found to hold half a fee, and the fifth part of fee, here and in *Runton*, of the Earl of *Norfolk*. In the 36th of that King, a patent was granted for lands and tenements in *Runton, Jankesford, Randesworth*, South *Walsham, Wood-Bastwick, Berningham*, &c. *Richard Bond*, in the 3d of *Richard* II. aliened two messuages, 39 acres of land, 8 of heath, with 57*s.* rent, in *Runton, Randworth*, &c. In the reign of *Henry* IV. a patent for the manor of *Perers* in *Runton*, and for tenements in *Shipden, Aylmerton*, and *Felbrigg*, was granted to it, and they had the

grant of the moiety of the advowson of *Beeston*, and the advowson of *Runton*.

In the 6th of *Edward* IV. *Isabel* Lady *Morley* died seized of the patronage, (the Lords *Morley* had it, as heirs to the *Cressys*,) and *Alianore*, her cousin, wife of *William Lovell* Lord *Morley*, was her heir.

At its Dissolution, King *Henry* VIII. *December 5*, *A°*. 37, granted the site of it, with the lordships of *Beeston*, *Runton*, and *Ranworth Holtwood*, and all other the lands and tenements, late belonging to it, to Sir *Edmund Wyndham*, and *Gyles Seafoule*, Esq. to be held by the 20th part of a fee. It was valued, as *Speed*, at 50*l*. 6*s*. 4*d*. *per ann*. as *Dugdale*, at 43*l*. 2*s*. 4*d*. *ob*.; here was a prior and about 4 canons.

Thomas Blofield, Gent. died seized of it, *February* 7, in the 13 of *Charles* I. *Thomas*, his son and heir, by *Elizabeth* his wife, dying before him, *William*, his grandson, by *Thomas* and *Anne* his wife, succeeded his grandfather.

The site of the priory and lands here was lately possessed by Mr. *Thomas Woodrow*, valued at 150*l*. *per ann*. and sold by a statute of bankruptcy, to Mr. *James Barnham* of *Norwich*, and Mr. *Edmund Jewell* of *Ailsham*, attornies at law.

Great ruins remain of this priory, and its church, which is near to the great *German* ocean; the whole west gabel wall of the church, with the arch of the window is standing: the whole length of the church, with the nave, tower, (in the middle) and chancel, was about 47 yards, the nave was 10 yards wide, the choir, or chancel 15 yards long within. South of the nave, was the cloister, the north and south transept were 12 yards long each, and 10 wide, and there were several chapels.

BERNINGHAM NORTHWOOD.

At the survey there was but one town, in this hundred, of the name of *Barningham*, which at that time included what is now called *Barningham Northwood*, and also the town of *Barningham Winter*: the principal lordship was then held by *Roger Bigot*, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, and consisted of several tenures in the days of the Confessor, of which the lords and owners were deprived at the conquest.

One socman held 12 acres and half a carucate of land, which he ploughed with 2 oxen.—Also 16 acres of land, belonging to 4 freemen of *Suffield*, and paunage for 4 swine.—*Osbert* had 3 freemen, who held half a carucate of land, and 5 bordarers with a carucate and half an acre of meadow, valued at 10*s*. at the survey at 50*s*.; it was 10 furlongs long and 6 broad, and paid 16*d*. gelt.[3]

[3] Terra Rogeri Bigoti——Berningeham xvii ac. tre. de d'nio p'dicto (Sutfelle'silva ad iiii por.—In B'ningeham ten. Osbert iii lib. ho's de dim. car. t're. sep. v bor. tc. et p' car. et dim. mo ii car. et dim. i ac. p'ti. tc. et p. val, x sol. et mo. l. et ht. v quar. in long. et vi in lat. et de gelto xvi*d*.—In B'ningeham i lib.

A freeman held also in King *Edward's* time, 3 acres of land, and ploughed with 2 oxen, valued then at 16*d.* at the survey at 3*s.*—of all the freemen in this hundred, the King had the sac and soc.

William Earl *Warren* had 30 acres of land, of which a freeman of *Ketel* was deprived, and *Turold* held it at the survey of that Earl; 3 borderers belonging to it with a carucate and an half of meadow, and 10 freemen of *Alwin* had 28 acres of land, which the Earl had by an exchange, for lands at *Lewes:* this seems to be joined soon after to the capital manor.[6]

The family of *De Berningham* were early enfeoft of a lordship in this town, which they held of the *Bigots* Earls of *Norfolk. Alice de Berningham* was a ward in the reign of *Richard* I. *William de Berningham* was living in the 4th of King *John.*[7]

Sir *Nicholas de Berningham* gave, in the 22d of *Henry* III. part of his heath here to the monks of *Binham;* and *Richard de Berningham* was found, in the 24th of the said King, to hold the 4th part of a fee of *Roger Fitz Osbert,* and he of the Earl of *Norfolk* in *Northwood Barningham:* the first time that I find it so called. 1238 1240

Richard de Berningham, and *John* his son, were living, as by a pleading in the 14th of *Edward* I. 1286

In the 11th of *Edward* II. *Richard de Berningham* conveyed in trust to *Remigius de Hetherset,* &c. the manor of *Great Berningham,* with 60 acres of heath, settled on *Richard* for life, the remainder to *John de Hedersete* and *Elizabeth* his wife, after to *Joan* and *Alice,* her sisters, in tail; and in the 20th of *Edward* III. *John de Hederset* was found to hold half a fee, of *Edmund de Baconsthorp,* and he of the Earl of *Norfolk* in *North Barningham.*

This *John* was son of Sir *Simon de Hetherset,* Lord of *Cringleford,* in *Norfolk,* and one of the King's justices itinerant, by *Cecilia,* his wife; and *Simon* was son of *John de Hetherset* and *Margery* his wife. —*John* died before 1357, in that year *Elizabeth,* his widow, remarried *John de Reppes.*

William de Hetherset, Esq. son and heir of *John de Hetherset,* and *Elizabeth* his wife, was made guardian of the wool-customs in *Norfolk,* 1357, and by *Eve,* his wife, daughter of Sir *Thomas Hetherset,* (brother of *John de Hederset,* his uncle) left 2 daughters and coheirs; *Elizabeth,* 2d wife of *John Winter* of *Town Berningham,* and *Sibilla,* wife of *John Pagrave,* Esq. lord of this town, in her right.

William de Hetherset presented to this church, as lord, in 1365.

In the 47th of *Edward* III. *Henry Bacon* of *Northwood Berningham,* and *Joan* his wife, *Robert Megges* and *Elizabeth* his wife, conveyed by fine to *Roger Taylour* and *Thomas Fox,* lands here, and in *Town Berningham,* with the homages and services of *William de Hedersete, William Winter, Roger Catt,* &c. from *Joan* and *Elizabeth,* and their heirs; this probably was of the Earl *Warren's* fee abovementioned.

ho. de iii ac. tre cum ii bovib; ar. tc. et p'. val. xvi*d.* m°. iii sol. sup. o'es lib'os ho'es lstius hund. ht. rex sacq. et socam.

[6] Ter. Willi. de Warrenna.—In Berningham, ten. Turold. xxx ac. tre. quas ten. un. lib. ho. Kettelli, T. R. E. sep. iii. bor. et i car. et dim. ac. pti. et ibi sunt x. lib. hoes. Alwini, T. R. E. de xxviii ac. tre. de escangio Lewes.

[7] Regist. Binham, fol. 92.

In 1420, and 1437, *John Wentworth*, Esq.[8] presented: and in 1441, *Sibilla Pain* of *Norwich* presented: what right they had, or *John Banyard*, Esq. who presented in 1471, does not appear, no presentation of *John Pagrave*, Esq. who married *Sibilla*, daughter and coheir of *William de Hetherset*, occurs; the first of that family who presented in 1508, was *Henry Pagrave*, Esq. *Elizabeth*, another daughter and coheir, married *John Winter*, Esq.

The *Pagraves* are a very ancient family, and take their name from *Pagrave*, a town in the hundred of South *Greenhow*, of which *John*, son of *Thoric de Pagrave* was lord, in the reign of King *Henry* II. and *William Pagrave* held of *William*, son of *Alan de Norfolk*, one fee, in the said reign. *Robert*, son of *William de Pagrave*, and *Margaret* his wife, are mentioned in a fine A°. 24 of *Henry* III.[9]

Robert Pagrave, (probably son of *John* and *Sibilla* abovementioned,) and *Margaret* his wife, were living in 1414, as appears from a fine. And in 1425, *John Pagrave*, Esq. who married *Margaret*, daughter of Sir *William Yelverton*, (the judge) of *Rougham*, was his son and heir: she is said to have been sister and coheir of *William Yelverton*, Esq. her brother, (by *Agnes*, 2d wife of Sir *William*,) of the whole blood: by his will, dated *April* 13, 1467, he was buried in the church of the Friars-Preachers at *Norwich*, by *Margaret* his late wife, and appoints *Anne*, his wife, executrix: proved *May* 7, following.[1] —*Anne* his widow, married *Roger Drury*, Esq. and dying in 1501, was buried by her first husband *Palgrave*, in the choir of the Friars-Preachers, being then the widow of *Drury*, and was a great benefactrix to the said friars: she was daughter of *William Hanningfield* of *Suffolk*.

Henry Palgrave, Esq. son and heir of ——— and *Margaret* his wife) by his will dated *September* 11, 1513, orders this lordship with that that of *Thuxton* in *Norfolk*, to remain in the hands of his feoffees,[2] Sir *Robert Brandon*, and *William Paston*, Esq. *Margaret*, his mother, then living, held the manor of *Woodhall*, in *Hetherset*, and makes his wife *Ann*, and *John* his eldest son, executors: *Clement*, *Thomas*, &c. also sons; proved *January* 14 following.

In 1524, Sir *William Paston* presented to this church, being guardian of *Clement*, son of *Henry Pagrave*, Esq. by which it appears that his eldest brother, *John*, was then dead: in 1554, *Clement Pagrave*, Esq. presented, and in 1557; but in 1559, the vicar-general of the Bishop of *Norwich*, by virtue of a lapse, as I take it, and *Clement*, also, presented in 1581.—*John Pagrave*, Esq. was living in the 1st of *Elizabeth*, and in 1605: *John Palgrave*, Esq. presented also in 1608. —Sir *August. Pagrave*, of this family, was knighted by King *James* I. at *Hinchingbrook*, in *Huntingdonshire*, *November* 24, 1604, and died 1639, aged 72.

John Pagrave, Esq. son and heir of ———, was living in 1685, and on *June* 24, 1641, created Baronet.

Ann, relict of Sir *John Pagrave*, Knt. and Bart. was buried in *December* 1676, in the chancel of St. *Peter's* church of *Hungate*, in *Norwich*; she was daughter of Sir *William de Grey* of *Merton*, in

[8] It is most probable that this John Wentworth, Esq. should be John Winter, Esq.

[9] Lib. Rub. Scci. T. Hearn, p. 142.

[1] Reg. Jekkys, Norw. fol. 64, pt. 2.

[2] Reg. Haward, p. 34.

Norfolk, and married, first, *Cotton Gascoign*, Esq. of *Illington* in *Norfolk*.

Sir *August Palgrave*, Bart. presented in 1677.

Sir *Richard Palgrave*, Bart. succeeded his father, Sir *August*, about 1731; on his death this lordship, by a decree in chancery, was ordered to be sold, by his heirs, who were the four daughters of *Samuel Smith*, Esq. late of *Colkirk* in *Norfolk*; who was son of *Ursula*, daughter of Sir *John Palgrave*, Bart. grandfather of Sir *Richard*, and father of Sir *August*. *Catherine*, 1st daughter and coheir, married *Thomas Bendish*, Esq.—*Ursula*, ——— *Offley* of *Derbyshire*;—*Theodosia*, *Samuel Sparrow*, Gent. of *Lanham* in *Suffolk*; and *Lucy*, ——— *Pett* of *Debenham* in *Suffolk*, Gent. and afterwards *Jonas Rolph* of *Lynn*, Gent. after this it came to the *Windhams*.

William Windham, Esq. lord and patron in 1760, who dying in 1761, left his son and heir a minor.

In the hall of the manor-house were these arms; quarterly, *argent*, on a chevron *sable*, a cross flory of the 1st, *Wanton*; and *azure*, two lions passant, guardant, *or*, *Benston*, impaled by *Drury*, quarterly, on a bend, *gules*, three mullets *argent*, pierced *sable*; and *ermin*, a chief indented *gules*;[1] *azure*, on a bend, wavy, *or*, three birds *sable*, in a bordure engrailed *sable*, bezanty, *Read*.

The CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to St. *Peter*, and was valued at 11 marks.

In the reign of *Edward* I. when the rector had a manse, and 8 acres of land, *Peter*-pence 8*d*. the present valor is 6*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. and is discharged.

In the chancel is a neat alabaster monument:

For a sacred and religious remembrance of Margaret Pope, daughter of John Pagrave, Esq. John Pope, doctor of law, her husband, caused this monument to be set up: she left her life the 25th of December, 1624.

In the north isle, a curious monument of marble, &c. with the busts of a man and a woman.

Memoriæ sacrum—Here resteth in Christ the bodies of Sir Austin Palgrave, knight, and Dame Elizabeth his wife, who was the daughter of Sir John Willoughby of Risley in Derbyshire, and by whom he had issue, 9 sons and 5 daughters, and he at the age of 72, and she at 53, commended their spirits; he 1639, *she* 1633.

Also a monument railed in,

In memory of John Palgrave, who died 1611.

Agnes, wife of *William Say*, and widow of *Robert Bacon* of this town, by her will, in 1486, was buried in the church by her husband.

In the church *Pagrave's* arms, *azure*, a leopard guardant, saliant, *argent*; which was also the arms of *Hetherset*; *argent*, on a bend, *gules*, three mullets pierced, *sable*: *Lovell* of *Erst Herling*; *Yelverton* of *Rougham*; *Caly*, and *Clifton*, quarterly. *Pagrave* impaling quarterly, *or*, a chevron between three torteaux, *Glemham* and *Brandon*;

[1] The arms of Brome.

barry of ten, *argent* and *gules*, a lion rampant over all, *or*, crowned of the second. Quarterly, *azure*, fretty, *or* and *sable*, a fess between two chevrons, *or*, *Banyard*. *Argent*, a chevron between three cross crosslets, fitché, *sable*.

Richard Winter of *Norwode Barningham*, buried in the church, 1476.

RECTORS.

John de Berningham was lord and patron in the reign of *Edward* I.

In 1311, *Henry de Bermingham* was instituted rector, presented by *Richard de Berningham*.

1340, *James de Dernford*, by Sir *John de Hederset*.
1349, *Thomas Dod*, by *Elizabeth*, late wife of Sir *John de Hederset*.
1365, *Robert de Quitay*, by *William de Hederset*.
1490, *John Bentele*, by *John Wynteworth*.
1432, *Richard Pechard*. *Ditto*.
1437, *Robert Millen*, by *John Wentworth*, Esq.
William Rookedale, rector.
1441, *John Tocell*, by *Sibilla Payn* of *Norwich*.
1471, *George Hudspeth*, by *John Banyard*, Esq.
1508, *Henry Bernard*, by *Henry Pagrave*, Esq.
1511, *Richard Forneys*. *Ditto*.
1524, *Edmund Fuller*, by Sir *William Paston*, guardian of *Clement*, son of *Henry Pagrave*, Esq.
1554, *William Mepall*, by *Clement Pagrave*, Esq.
1557, *Thomas Parker*. *Ditto*.
1559, *Ralph Duker*, by the Bishop's vicar-general.
1581, *Robert Quashe*, by *Clement Page*, Esq.
1605, *John Money*, by *John Pagrave*, Esq.
1608, *William Smith*. *Ditto*.
Richard Briggs, rector.
1626, *Samuel Thornton*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1661, *Cuthbt. Lock*, A. M. by Sir *John Palgrave*. Knt. and Bart.
1677, *William Ombler*, S. T. B. by Sir *Aug. Palgrave*, Bart.
1680, *Robert Sibbs*. *Ditto*.
1697, *William Wickham*. *Ditto*.

John Palgrave died rector 1721, and *Richard Sibbs* succeeded, presented by Sir *Richard Palgrave*, Bart. 1760.

In the church were the gilds of St. *Peter*, and St. *Ann's* image.

The temporalities of the prior of *Ely* were 5*s*. 6*d*.

The tenths of the town 2*l*. 4*s*. Deducted 6*s*. 8*d*.

Berningham, or *Barningham*, signifies a ham on the meadows, by a hill.

Robert Quashe certified in 1603, that there were 52 communicants.

BERNINGHAM WINTER,

OR

TON BERNINGHAM.

It has been already observed, that this town, with that of *Berningham Northwood*, made up, and consisted of only one township, called *Berningham*, at the survey; and it was a considerable time after, before it was divided, that these distinct names were assumed; and as those tenures before mentioned, which were granted on the conquest to *Roger Bigot*, made up the manor of *Norwood Berningham*, so they did likewise the greatest part, if not the whole, of *Berningham-Winter*.

The family of *Curzun* was, soon after the conquest, enfeoft of this lordship; *William de Curzun* was living in the reign of *Henry* I. *Ralph Curzun* in that of *Henry* II. Sir *Robert Curzun* in 1239;[4] in the said year, *Roger Curzi* was found to hold 3 parts of a fee of *Richard de la Rokele*, and he of the Earl of *Norfolk*, in *Tone Berningham*: this is the first time that I find it thus called, and sometimes I find it wrote *Town*; but *Toni* or *Ton* is undoubtedly the most proper and right name. Thus we meet with *Tunbridge*, *Tunford*, in *Kent*; *Tunwell*, *Tunford*, in *Hertfordshire*; and the river *Tone* or *Tune*, in *Somersetshire*.

John and *Thomas de Curzun* had an interest herein in the 3d of *Edward* I. *Roger le Curzun* was lord in the 9th of *Edward* II. and in the 12th of that King had a grant of a fair and weekly mercate, and free warren here. In the 11th of *Edward* III. *Robert de Burneby*, parson of *Ton Berningham*, as a trustee, settled on Sir *John de Curzoun*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, this lordship, with a messuage, 56 acres of land 3 of meadow, 8 of pasture, 16 of heath, 2 of alder, and 13*s.* rent in this town, and *Roger*, in tail; and in the 33d of the said King, *John de Reppes*, junior, held it in right of his wife, ——, late wife of ——*de Curzoun*.

After this it came to the *Winters*. *William Winter* and *Maud* his wife held this lordship of *Cursons*, in the 49th of *Edward* III. as appears from a fine; this *William* purchased of *John Leche* the manors of *Eggemere* and *Wighton*, and had free warren in this town, confirmed to him in the 17th of *Richard* II. by his will, dated on *Wednesday* after the feast of the conception of the Blessed Virgin, in the 21st of that King, he requires to be buried in the chancel of this church; *Elizabeth* was then his wife; proved *February* 6, 1398;[5] he was descended from *Adam Winter* of *Heckingham* in *Norfolk*, who married *Joan*, daughter and coheir of *August. Waxtoneshham*, and

[4] See of them in Yoxham Billingford.
[5] Regist. Heydon, Norw.

Sarah de Heckingham, his wife;[6] and *William Winter* was sheriff of *Norfolk* in the time of *Richard* II.

John Winter, Esq. son and heir of *William*, (as I take it,) was representative for the county of *Norfolk* in 1409; presented to this church in 1412, and held this manor by three parts of a fee of the Earl of *Norfolk*; he married, first, ———, daughter of ——— *Braylesford* of *Braylesford* in *Derbyshire*; and secondly *Elizabeth*, daughter and coheir of *William de Hetherset*, and *Eva* his wife, by whom he had a daughter, *Elizabeth*, who in the 12th of *Henry* IV. released to *Simon de Felbrigg*, all her right in the manor of *Chebenhale*, and lands in *Fressingfield* in *Suffolk*, formerly Sir *Walkeline de Herteshale's*.

Edmund Winter, Esq. succeeded *John*, (his son by his first wife:) he married *Oliva*, daughter and coheir of Sir *William Hampton*. In the 13th of *Henry* IV. *John Aberhale* conveyed by fine to him and his wife, and to *Robert Scot*, and *Joan* his wife, the manors of *Hampton*, and *Mappenors*, and lands in *Batton* and *Hampton-Richard's* in *Herefordshire*: his second wife was *Alice*, relict of *John Wodehouse*, Esq. (famous for his gallantry at the battle of *Agincourt*, in *France*,) his will is dated *February* 20, 1447, and proved *March* 2, following;[7] whereby he gives to *Alice* his wife, this manor for life: remainder to *John* his son, and was buried in this church, before the high altar: appoints *John* his son, and *Margaret* his daughter, and her husband, and *Ralph Lampet*, Esq.[8] executors; gives to *Alice*, his wife, several gold utensils. *Alice*, his widow, according to her will, dated *March* 15, in the said year, 1447, and proved *April* 5 following, was buried in the charnel-house of the cathedral church of *Norwich*, by her first husband, *Woodhouse*.

About this time, Sir *Richard Winter* was living, who married *Jane*, daughter of *John Berney*, Esq. of ——— and *Catherine*, his wife.

John Winter, Esq. son and heir of *Edmund*, by *Oliva* his first wife, was lord, and presented to the church in 1457, 1459, &c. This *John* is said to have married *Margaret*, daughter of Sir *Thomas Echingham* of *Echingham* in *Sussex*, by whom he had *John*, his son and heir, *Walter* and *Richard*.

John Winter, Esq. son of *John*, married *Alice*, daughter of ——— *Turtevile*, lord of *Turtevile's* manor, in *Stivekey*, *Norfolk*; and presented to that church in 1491, and to this church in 1490, &c. by whom he had *Henry*, his son and heir; his 2d wife was ———, daughter of *Brampton* of *Brampton*, in *Norfolk*, and his 3d wife was ———, daughter of ——— *de Huntingfeld*; he died in 1494; and *Henry* was found then to be his son and heir; Sir *Henry Heydon*, as guardian to him, presented to *Stivekey* in 1497. In 1527, *Henry Winter* presented to this church, and in 1540; by *Dorothy* his wife, daughter of *Clement Herward* of *Alburgh*, Esq. he had *John*, his son and heir, who occurs lord in 1541; and is said to have left, by *Catherine*, his wife, daughter of *Philip Bedingfeld* of *Ditchingham* in *Norfolk*, Esq. *Philip*, his son and heir; the will of *John* is dated *September* 28, 1558, and he was buried in this church; it was proved *March* 1, following; by an inquisition he was found to die seized of this manor and advowson, by the 3d part of a fee;[9] 3 messuages, 142 acres in this town, and *Northwood Berningham*; and *Philip* his son and heir,

[6] Reg. Abbat. de Langley, fol. 50.
[7] Reg. Wilby, Norw. fol. 86. b.
[8] Ralph married his sister Margaret.
[9] Reg. Veysey, Norw.

by *Mary* his wife, daughter of *Ralph Symonds*, Esq. of *Cley*, was aged 26; his death was on *November* 22, in the first of *Elizabeth*.

This *Philip* presented to this church in 1561, and 1572; *William*, his son, married *Francis*, daughter of *William Rokewood*, Esq. of *Weston*; on this marriage, *Philip* settled, in the 19th of *Elizabeth*, on the said *Francis*, 30*l. per ann.* out of this manor. Soon after this, the lordship was in the *Pastons*, and possessed by Sir *Edward Paston*, son and heir of Sir *Thomas Paston*, by *Agnes*, daughter and heir of Sir *John Leigh* of *Addington* in *Surry*; Sir *Thomas* being the 5th son of Sir *William Paston*, of *Paston* in *Norfolk*, by *Bridget*, daughter of Sr *Henry Heydon*. This *Edward* married first, *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Richard Lambart*, Esq. sheriff of *London*, who dying *sans* issue, he married *Margaret*, daughter of *Henry Berney*, Esq. of *Reedham*, by whom he had *Thomas Paston*, Esq. his eldest son, who died before his father, Sir *Edward*, who lived to the age of 80 years, and died in 1630. This *Thomas* married *Mary*, daughter of Sir *George Brown*, of *Bepton* in *Sussex*; who was afterwards the wife of Sir *Henry Compton*, Knt. of the Bath, of *Brambleby-house* in *Sussex*, and was his widow in 1624, holding then in jointure, the manor of *Berney* in *Norfolk*; and by this *Mary*, *Thomas* had a son and heir, *Clement Paston*, Esq. lord of this town; *Binham*, *Berney*, and *Thorp* by *Norwich*; by his first wife, *Anne*, daughter of Sir *Henry Compton* aforesaid, he had 8 daughters and coheirs; and by his 2d wife, *Dorothy*, daughter of *John Plumton* of *Plumpton* in *Yorkshire*, Esq. he had his son, *Edward Paston*, Esq. lord of this town, aged 14, in 1674, who died in *October*, 1713, and was buried in the church of *Blofield*, in *Norfolk*; by his first wife, *Mary*, daughter of —— *Eyre*, Esq. of *Bury's* hall, in *Hale*, he had one daughter, *Mary*, married to *John Southcote*, Esq. son and heir of Sir *Edward Southcote*, of *Witham*, in *Essex*; and by *Jane*, his 2d wife, daughter of *Richard Frampton*, Esq. of *Morton* in *Dorsetshire*, was father of *Edward Paston*, Esq. who married *Mary*, daughter and coheir of *John Clerk*, of *Bale* in *Norfolk*, Gent. by *Lucy*, his wife, sister of *Christopher Bedingfield*, Esq. of *Wighton* in *Norfolk*, by whom he had —— *Paston*, Esq. who sold this lordship and that of *Binham*, about the year 1756, to *William Russell*, a whalebone merchant of *King*-street in *London*,

In the hall of the manor-house were the arms of *Winter*; checque, *or*, and *sable*, a fess, *argent*; and of *Erpingham*, *Repps*, and *argent*, a maunch, *gules*, *Tony*; *gules*, a maunch, *or*, *Delamare*. In the parlour, *Winter*, impaling *gules*, a maunch, *ermin*, *Berningham*, (as I take it,) the same coat being quartered by *Winter*. *Winter*, impaling *Hampton*, *gules*, a fess, *argent*, and a file of five, *azure*, *gules*, three lucies, hauriant, *argent*, *Lucy*. *Winter*, impaling *Hetherset*, *azure*, a leopard, saliant, *or*, *Winter* and *Berningham*, quarterly, impaling *Hetherset*. *Ermingham*, *argent*, a saltire, *sable*, and over all on a bar, *gules*, three plates. *Gules*, a fess, between six billets, *or*. *Winter* and *Hampton*, quarterly, impailing *Herward*, of *Alburgh*. *Winter* and *Woodhouse*, of *Kimberley*. *Winter*, and *Bedingfeld*. *Winter* and *Hemenhall*. *Winter* and *Reymes* of *Oxstrand*. *Winter*, and *argent*, fretty, *sable*, a canton, *gules*. *Winter* and *Brampton*, of *Brampton*. *Winter* and *Hoyden*. *Mauteby* and *Winter*. *Winter* and *Rookwood*. *Berney*. *Lucy*, *gules*, three lucies, and crusily of cross crosslets, *argent*. *Winter* and

Symonds, azure, three trefoils, slipped, *or, azure*, a fess dauncy, between six escallops, *argent*, *D'Engaine*.

William de Beaufoe Bishop of *Thetford*, held at the survey, as a lay fee, by the gift of the Conqueror, 15 acres of land which a freeman held under *Wiulf*, in King *Edward's* reign; and *William de Noiers*, held it under the Bishop, with half a carucate belonging to it, valued at 16*d. per ann.*[1] this seems to be granted afterwards by that Bishop to the see.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. the prior of *Wahorne*, and the heirs of *William Winter*, held the 8th part of a fee of the Bishop of *Norwich*, and the Bishop of the King.

In the 27th of *Henry* VIII. *Henry Winter*, Esq. &c. held it of the Bishop, as of his manor of *Gaywood*, and paying to the ward of *Norwich* castle, 3*s.* 6*d.* every 30 weeks, (as appears by the Pipe Rolls of that year,) by the fourth part of a fee.

Drogo de Beuraria had also a lordship, of which *Alwin*, a freeman, was deprived, who held it in the reign of the Confessor, containing a carucate of land with 5 borderers, paunage for 100 swine, one acre of meadow, and 4 sheep; valued then at 20*s.* and so at the survey.[2]

This was granted by King *Henry* I. to *Walter Tusard*, who held lands in *Berningham*, &c. by grand serjeanty, by the service of finding certain cross bowmen; and *Amicia Tusard* sold it to *Roger le Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*,[3] who lived in the reign of *Henry* II. and so was united to his lordship in this town.

The tenths were 2*l.* 14*s.* deducted 13*s.* 4*d.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Mary*, and is a rectory, valued in King *Edward* the First's reign at 10 marks; paid *Peter*-pence, 4*d.* *Ralph Curson* was then patron. The rector had a manse, with 30 acres; and the abbey of St. *Bennet* at *Holm* had a portion of tithe valued at 2 marks; the present valor is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

RECTORS.

In 1311, *Simon de Beckham*, instituted, presented by *Roger le Curzon*, of *Tun-Berningham*.
1324, *Roger de Gunton*. *Ditto*.
1329, *Robert de Burneby*, by Sir *John Curzoun*.
1347, *Bartholomew Franks*. *Ditto*.
1370, *Roger Stephens*, by *William Wynter*.
1407, *Robert Winter*, by Sir *Thomas Erpingham*, Sir *Ralph Shelton*, and Sir *Robert Berney*.
1412, *Thomas Perer*, by *John Wynter*.
1457, *William Reed*, by *John Wynter*, Esq.
1459, *John Barley*. *Ditto*.

[1] Terra. Willi. Epi. Tedford. de feudo.—In B'ningeha' i. lib. ho. que'ten Wiulfus T. R. E. de xv. ac. t're. modo ten. W. de Noiers ab Epo. W. sep. dim. car. sep. val. xvi*d.*

[2] Terra Drogonis de Beuraria.—In B'ningeham ten. Alwin. i. lib. ho. i. car. t're. tc. v. bar. mo. iii. silva. ad c. por. i. ac. p'ti. mo. iiii. p. et mo. viiii. ov. tc. val. xx. sol. et mo. similit.

[3] Testa de Nevil, et Lib. Rub. S'ccij.

1466, *Robert Wale*, by *John Wynter*, Esq.
1478, *John Clement*, by *John Wynter*, Esq.
1478, *John Bakon*. *Ditto*,
1485, *Robert Sudcock*. *Ditto*.
1490, *Henry Ganton*. *Ditto*.
1527, *Thomas Tooke*, by *Henry Wynter*, Gent.
1540, *Robert Pyctow*. *Ditto*.
1544, *John Smith*.
1552, *John Philipson*, by *John Wynter*.
1555, *Jeffrey Turner*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1561, *William Dawson*, by *Philip Wynter*, Esq.
1570, *Martin Bullock*. *Ditto*.
1572, *John Browe*. *Ditto*.
1596, *Thomas Settle*, the Queen, by lapse.
1614, *Samuel Thornton*, A. M. by *Thomas Settle*.
1663, *Richard Cleburn*, A. M. by *Henry Bedingfield*, Esq. and Sir *Henry Bedingfield*, Knt.
1680, *James Clough*, by Sir *Henry Bedingfield*, Knt.
1714, *Thomas Plumsted*, by *Gresham Page*, Esq.
1749, *John Girdleston*, by *John Goodman*, Gent.
1750, *Matthew Lane*, by *Jos. Lane*.

The church is dilapidated, and nothing of it remains but the chancel; and in the east window are the arms of *Repps*, and of *Erpingham*; and in a south window,—*argent*, a fess ermine, cottised, *sable*, impaling *or*, a cinquefoil, *sable*.

On a gravestone in the chancel,

Sepultus in gratiâ et misericordiâ Dei Johes, Wynter D'n's Bernyngham, qui obijt ultimo die Decemb Ao. D'ni. M.———, and his portraiture in armour, and *Winter* impaling *Berningham*.

On another.

Orate p.a'i'b; Joh. Winter et Alicie, uxor. sue qui quid. Joh. obt. A°. regni Regis Henrici septimi—with the arms of *Winter*, impaling *Brampton*,—and *Winter* impaling, fess between 6 billets.

A gravestone,

In memory of George Burton, who died April 10, 1694, *Ætat.* 33.

Thomas Winter of this town, buried here in 1450.

The temporalities of *Castleacre* priory were 7*s*.—of *Ely* priory 4*s*.—of *Lewes* 16*d*.

SHIPDEN AND CROMER.

THE town of *Cromer*, is not mentioned in *Domesday Book*, being included, and accounted for under the town of *Shipden*, the lordships of which extended into *Cromer*.

At the survey, *Godric* was steward of a manor here belonging to the Conqueror, it being a beruite to the Conqueror's lordship of *Aylesham* in *South Erpingham* hundred; it consisted of one carucate of land, 4 villains and 4 borderers, 1 carucate in demean, and 1 among the tenants, with half an acre of meadow, and paunage for 8 swine.[4]

Halmod de Bidon was found to have held one knight's fee here, of the gift of King *Henry* I. it being a member of the manor of *Aylesham*,[5] which was royal demeans, and in the beginning of King *Henry* the Third's reign, *William de Worcester* held it by the fourth part of a fee.

In the 24th of *Henry* III. *William de Weyland* held the 3d part of a fee, in *Shipden*, of Sir *Hugh de Odingsels*; this *Hugh* married *Basilia de Limesi*, one of the daughters and coheirs of *Gerard de Limesi*, (great grandson of *Ralph de Limesio*, a *Norman* baron, the Conqueror's nephew, to whom he gave 41 manors in *England*,) by *Amy*, his wife, daughter of *Trian de Hornelode* of *Bidun Limesi*, and in right of *Basilia*, was lord of *Oxburgh* in *Norfolk*, and of this manor. Of these families see in *Oxburgh*.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. Sir *Nicholas de Weyland* was lord; he married *Julian*, daughter and heir of *Robert Burnel*, and held it by the service of one pair of white gloves, and performing services to the capital lord: in the 12th of that King, he had a grant of a mercate, a fair and a free warren; in the 12th of *Edward* II. Sir *William de Weyland* was lord, and it was valued at 15*l.* 6*s.* 8*d. per ann.*

Sir *Robert de Weyland*, held it in the 20th of *Edward* III. by the third part of a fee, and Sir *John de Weyland*, in the reign of *Richard* II. whose daughter and heir, *Elizabeth*, married *John Harewell*, Esq. of *Warwickshire*, and left a daughter and heir *Joan*, married to *John Stretche*, Esq. In the 3d of *Henry* IV. it was settled with *Oxburgh* and *Ryston*, on *John Stretche* and *Joan* his wife.

After this it came to the *Pastons:* Sir *William Paston*, the judge, by his will dated in the 22d of *Henry* VI. gives it to *Agnes* his wife for life, and recites that it belonged to his father *Clement Pastons*.[6] In 1611, Sir *William Paston* was lord of this manor, called *Weyland's* in *Cromer*, and was held of the dutchy of *Lancaster;* and it it said that great part of the lands belonging to it were swallowed up by the sea. In Sir *William's* time the rent of assise was 64*s.* 11*d. per ann.*

Robert Giggs, of *Sparham*, Gent. died seized of a manor in *Cromer*, as appears from his will, proved *May* 11, 1535.—Regist. *Haydon*, *Norw.*—Sir *Thomas Rant* had a manor in *Cromer*.

[4] Terre Regis qua. Godric. servat— Huic man. (viz. Blesham) jacet i. beruita, Shipedana, i. car. tre. sep. iiii. vill. Inc. iiii. bord. p. et m°. ii. semp. i. car. in dnio. et i. car. hom. et dim. ac. pti. silva. viii. porc.

[5] Testa de Nevill.

[6] Reg. Luffenham, Norw.

Roger Bigot, ancestor to the Earls of *Norfolk*, had a manor, of which *Osborn*, a freeman, was deprived at the conquest: 40 acres of land belonged to it, with 3 borderers, one carucate in demean, half a one amongst the tenants, and one of meadow; and a soeman held 3 acres, valued then at 8*s*. at the survey at 10*s*.[7] *Torstin* held it of *Roger Bigot*.

UFFORD'S MANOR.

In the 24th of *Henry* III. *William de Bradenham*, and *Roger de Reymes*, held in *Shypden*, the 3d part of a fee of *Richard de Bermingham*, and he of *Roger Fitz Osbert*; in the 36th of that King, *Margery de Creyk*, then a widow, and *Robert de Creyk*, her son, had an interest herein.

Edmund de Eggemere, by deed *sans date*, confirmed to *Adam de Oldland*, lands with a messuage and villain,—witness, *Roger Bigot* of *Felbrig*: in the 3d of *Edward* I. he had view of frank pledge, &c. and *John de Eggemere*, in the 14th of that King, had an interest herein.

In the 34th of *Edward* I. *Edward de Pakenham* and *Rosia*, his wife *Robert de Ufford* and *Cecilia*, his wife, cousins and heirs of *Sarah*, daughter of *Bartholomew de Creyk*, and wife of *Roger Fitz Peter Fitz Osbert*, had livery of the fourth part of a fee (which *William de Bradenham* held) and a right in the advowson; and *John de Thorp*, and his parceners, in the following year, had an interest herein, and held under *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*.

Roger de Reymes, &c. held of *John de Thorp*, the fourth part of a fee, in the 17th of *Edward* II. and *Robert de Eggemere*, *Robert Tebald*, and *John*, *de Reymes*, held in *Shipeden*, of *Robert de Benhale*, the 8th part of a fee, and he of the Earl of *Norfolk*, (which *William de Bradenham*, &c. formerly held) in the 20th of *Edward* III. and *Robert Tebald* was also then found to hold the 8th part of a fee of *John de Hederset*, he of the heirs of *Roger Fitz Osbert*, of the Earl of *Norfolk's* fee. In the 23d of that King, *Roger de Hederset*, parson of *Billingford*, and *Robert Brown*, parson of *Shipdene*, conveyed by fine to *Clement Hervey* of *Shipdene*, 14 messuages, a mill, 2 tofts, 150 acres of land, 4 of meadow, 2 of pasture, 2 of wood, 46 of heath, and 36*s*. rent, in this town, *Overstrand*, *Roughton*, &c. to *Clement* for life, remainder to *Thomas de Standon*, and *Constantia* his wife, in tail.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. *William James* held the 8th part of a fee, (which was *Roger Fitz Osbert's*) of the Earl of *Norfolk*; and the said *William*, and the heirs of *Roger Reymes*, and of *Robert Tebald*, held an 8th part, (late the said *Roger Fitz Osbert's*) of the Earl of *Norfolk*.

Richard Arnold, Esq. son of *William Arnold* and *Joan* his wife, died lord of the manor of *Ufford's* in *Shepedene*, as by his will dated *December* 30, 1472, and proved *January* 28, following; mentions *Margery* his wife, *William Edmund*, &c. his sons.[8]—*Rich. Arnold* held it in the 21st of *Elizabeth*.—After this it was purchased of *Arnold* by

[7] Terra, Rogeri Bigoti.—In Scepedane, i. lib. ho. ten. Osb'nus. T. R. E. xl. ac. tre. m°. tenet Torstinus, tc. iii. bor. m°. v. sep. i. car. in dnio. et dim. car. houm i. car. silva. ad xxx. porc. et i. soc. de iii. ac. tre. tc. et p'. val. viii. sol. m°. x.

[8] Reg. Belins. Norw.

Robert Underwood; Samuel Underwood his son, dying *sans issue, Catherine* his sister inherited it, and brought it by marriage to *Will. Hobart,* Gent. of *Metton,* who was lord in 1615; he left two daughters and coheirs; *Frances,* the 2d daughter, married *James,* son of Sir *Henry Davy,* by whom he had 3 daughters, on a partition of whose estate this came to Sir *George Windham* by the marriage of *Frances,* one of the daughters; and *Francis* his son was lord in 1691, and married *Francis,* daughter of Sir *Thomas Dayrell,* of *Lillington Dayrell,* in *Bucks,* by whom he had *Francis,* a son, &c. lord in 1752.

Robert de Vere Earl of *Oxford* had a lordship in the 3d of *Edward* I. which, on the marriage of his daughter *Joan,* he gave to *William,* eldest son of *John* Earl *Warren,* who died before his father, in the 14th of that King, leaving *John* his son and heir, aged one year, afterwards Earl *Warren* and *Surrey,* in which family it continued, till settled by the last Earl *Warren* and *Surrey,* on the Earl of *Lancaster,* and by the marriage of the Lady *Blanch,* the heiress of that family, came to *John* of *Gaunt* Duke of *Lancaster,* and by his son, *Henry* IV. King of *England,* was united to the Crown, as at this time, being part of the dutchy of *Lancaster.*

In the 4th of *Henry* VI. a patent was granted for a mercate, now held on *Saturday,* and a fair. It is chiefly inhabited by fishermen.

Robert Bacon, a mariner of this town of *Cromer* found out *Iceland,* and is said to have taken the prince of *Scotland, James Stuart,* sailing to *France* for education, in King *Henry* the Fourth's time.

William de Beaufoe Bishop of *Thetford* had a lordship in his own right, as a lay fee, in this town, which lordship was a bernite to his manor of *Gunton,* containing one carucate of land, 3 villains, 3 borderers, and a carucate in demean, with one amongst the tenants, and an acre of meadow, then valued at 10*s.* at the survey at 5*s.* 4*d.* was half a leuca long, and 4 furlongs broad, paid 6*d.* gelt.[9]

Bishop *Beaufoe* gave this amongst his other great benefactions, to his see, and in the 24th of *Henry* III. *Robert de Egmere* held here the fourth part of a fee of the Bishop of *Norwich,* and in the 20th of *Edward* III. *Robert de Egmere,* held the same of *John Leche,* and he of the Bishop.

Sir *George Windham* was the 6th son of Sir *John Windham* of *Orchard Windham,* in *Somersetshire,* and the lady *Joan* his wife, he was knighted at *Anderwick,* in *Scotland, July* 16, 1682, and was gentleman pensioner to the King: his first wife was *Ann,* daughter of ----- *Godfrey,* ------, and relict of *James Underwood* of *Cromer;* she died *sans issue,* and the manor of *Arnolds* was in the family of *Windham,* in 1752.

William Windham, Esq. died in 1765, lord.

The abbot of St. *Bennet,* at *Holm,* had a lordship, also, which they enjoyed long before; and at the conquest, half a carucate to find provision for the monks, with one villain, 3 borderers, and one carucate in demean, half a carucate of the tenants, and one acre of meadow valued at 10*s.* 8*d.*[1]

[9] Terra Willi. Episc. Tedford. de feudo.——In Scepedene b'wita Gunetune, i car. tre. semp. iii. vill. iii bor. tc. i car. in dnio. m°. dim. sep. i car. hom. silva. vi por. i ac. pti. tc. val. x s. m°. v sol. et iiiid. et ht. in longo dim. lg. et iiii qr. in lato et de gelto vid.

[1] Terra Sci. Benedicto de Hulmo—— In Scipedana dim. car. tre. devicta monachar. i vill. iii bor. sep. i car. in dnio. et dim. car. hom. et i ac. pti val. x sol. et viiid.

In the 19th of *Henry* III. Sir *Peter de Alto Bosco* (or *Hobois*) released to the abbot all his right herein, and in the 3d of *Edward* I. the abbot held it of the King, in *capite*.

On the dissolution of this house, it came to the Crown, and on the exchange of lands between the Bishop of *Norwich* and King *Henry* VIII. it was granted to the Bishop. *Robert Allen*, who was bailiff of it, in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, accounted for 11*s.* 9*d. ob.* rent of assise, 7*s.* 9*d.* for the demean lands, and 12*s.* 3*d. per ann.* perquisites of court:—the Bishop is the present lord.

There was formerly a church at *Shipden*, dedicated to St. *Peter*. In the reign of *Edward* I. *Hugh de Odyngsels*, lord of *Shipden*, was patron of it; it was a rectory, then valued at 12 marks, and the rector had a manse with 12 acres of land, and paid *Peter*-pence 6*d.*

Sir *Henry Pinkenney*, Knt. by deed *sans date*, granted the moiety of this church, to his kinsman, Sir *William de Odyngels*. Sir *Henry* married *Alice*, heiress of the family of *de Lindsey*, who held also a moiety of this manor, by *David de Lindsey's* (a *Scotchman*) marriage with *Alianore*, daughter and coheir of *Gerard de Limesi*, and sister of *Basilia*, who married Sir *Hugh de Odyngsels*.

In the 11th of *Edward* II. on a writ, the jury present that it would not be to the King's damage, if *John de Odingsels* granted to *John Brown* of *Tutington*, &c. the advowson of St. *Peter's* church of *Shipdene*.—*John de Odingsels* was lord of *Bradwell*, *Pyrington*, and *Cavendish*, in *Suffolk*.

RECTORS.

In the 10th of *Edward* III. *John de Lodbrok*, rector of this church, *John Broun*, patron, and the parishioners having supplicated the King, that, whereas part of the churchyard was by the flux and reflux of the sea, so wasted, that it threatened ruin to the church, and could not be defended, the King grants license that an acre of land in the said village be granted to the said *John*, rector, to build thereon a new church, and for a churchyard; dated *April* 15.

In 1349, *Robert de Wyngreworth* instituted rector, presented by the King, on the minority of *John*, son and heir of *Hugh Broun*.

In the 29th of *Edward* III. license was granted to appropriate this church to the priory of *Hickling*, and about this time, *John Winter* was presented to it, by the prior,

In 1364, *Richard Gosseline*, presented by the prior.

1375, *John de Stalham*, a canon of *Hicking*, was presented by the prior.—But in 1381, the patronage was in the priory of the *Carthusians* (or Charter-house) by *London*, and *Robert Ellatte* was instituted on the presentation of the assignees of that priory.

VICARS.

On *August* 18, in the 5th of *Richard* II. that priory had a patent to appropriate it.

1384, *John Gosselyn* was instituted vicar, presented by the prior of the *Carthusians;* a vicarage being settled on this appropriation.

John Barnet, official of the court of *Canterbury,* and sub-delegate of Pope *Urban,* appropriated this church of *Shypden* by the Sea, in 1383, reserving to the Bishop of *Norwich* an annual pension of 13*s.* 4*d.* and to the cathedral, or priory of *Norwich* 3*s.* 4*d.*

In the said year, *December* 14, the vicar's portion was assigned, in the third part of the glebe, tithe, and obventions.

1389, *John Hermere,* vicar, presented by the prior, &c,
1403, *Richard Bishop. Ditto.*
1429, Mr. *Richard Milkam,* A. M. *Ditto.*
1437, *Sim. Norman. Ditto.*
1450. Mr. *Jeff. Champneys,* S. T. P. *Ditto.*
1462, Mr. *Robert Heyllys,* A. M. *Ditto.*
1497, Mr. *William Tukke,* L. L. B. *Ditto.*
1521, Mr. *William Smith,* S. T. B. *Ditto.*
Robert Reston, vicar.
1554, *John Harlow,* by the King and Queen.
1587, *Sim. Harwood,* by the Queen.
1591, *Thomas Mundey,* by the Queen.
John Money occurs vicar in 1603.[a]
Richard Watson, occurs vicar 1615. In the reign of Queen *Elizabeth* it was granted to the see of *Ely,* on the Queen's taking away several manors, belonging to it.
1626, *Richard Talbot,* by the King, the see of *Ely* being void.
1662, *Robert Fawet,* by the Bishop of *Ely.*
1674, *William Ashmore. Ditto.*
Mr. *Oram* died vicar in 1762.

The old church of *Shipden* seems to have been destroyed by the sea, in, or about the reign of *Henry* IV.; in the 14th of *Richard* II. patent was granted for 5 years, for certain duties to be paid for the erection of a certain pier for a defence against the sea; and in the 16th of that King Sir *William Beauchamp,* &c. aliened to the prior of the *Carthusians,* a piece of land in *Shipden,* adjoining to the rectory, with lands and tenements to the value of 10 marks *per ann.* so that about this time the present church, called *Cromer* church, dedicated to St. *Peter* and St. *Paul,* was probably erected, and is a vicarage valued at 9*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.*

It stands near the sea, and is an handsome regular pile, consisting of a large body and 2 isles, covered with lead, and a beautiful lofty square tower imbattled at the west end of the nave, built of flints and free-stone; to this body was joined a large chapel, now in ruins. In 1608, license was granted to Mr. *Gill,* lessee of the Bishop of *Ely,* to take down the chancel and vestry.

In the middle isle were many gravestones with their brasses:

Orate p. a'i'b; Willi. Arnold, et Johe. uxor. ej.

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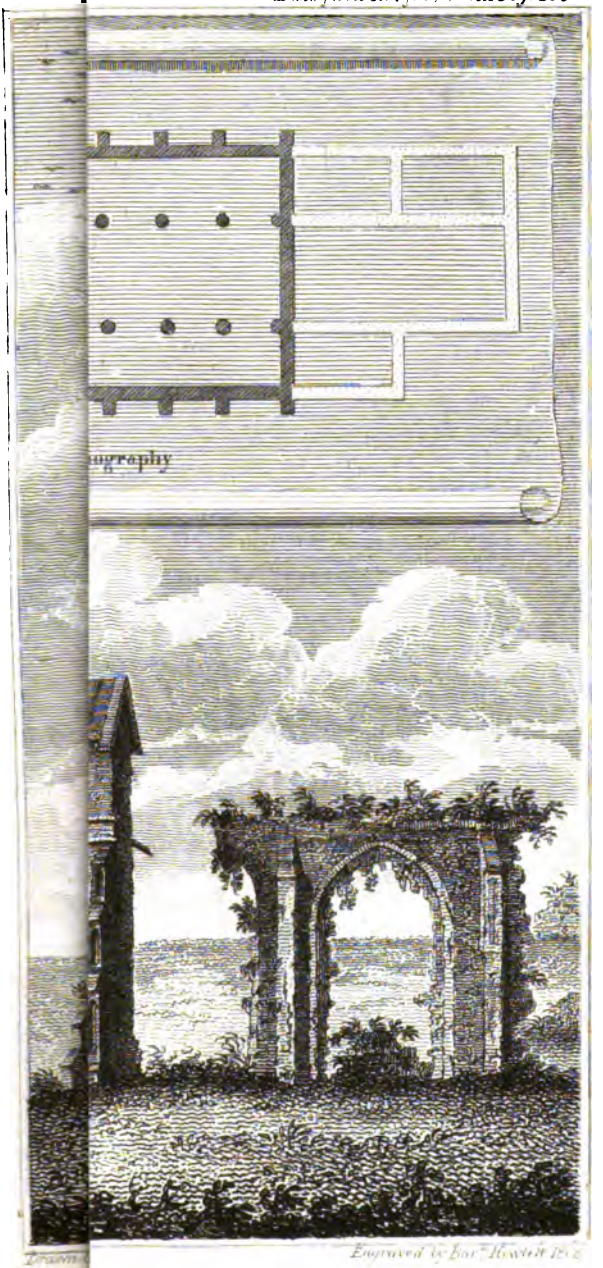
In memory of Catherine Arnold.—Orate p. a'i'a. Johs, Momse.—

[a] Here were then 320 communicants.



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In memory of Sir George Windham, who died November 27, 1663. Agnes Moulton, widow, was buried in the church by her husband, in 1528.

In 1484, *Richard Brandon* of *Cromer* was buried in the chapel of St. *Nicholas*, of this church; and in 1486, *Catherine Rede* of *Shipden*, widow of *Roger Rede*; *John Rede* was her son; *Richard Rede* was father of *Roger*, and she appoints *Bartholomew Rede*, her son, citizen and goldsmith, of *London*, and *John*, her son, executors.[3] The chapel of our Lady was also in the church.

Here were the guilds of St. *Peter*, of the *Trinity*, our Lady of Pite, St. *George*, St. *James*,[4] St. *Anne*, and St. *John Baptist*.

In the windows were the arms of *Erpingham*, and of Sir *Robert Knowls*, with his crest, a ram's head, *azure*, armed, *or*.

And *Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk*;—and *argent*, three *Catherine*-wheels, *sable*.

Argent, two dolphins, hauriant, combatant, *sable*, on a chief, *gules*, three escallops of the first—per chevron, *sable* and *argent*, three seamews heads erased, and counterchanged.

Argent, six annulets, *sable*, and a bordure, *gules*, *Beckswell*. *Bacon*, and *Stanhors*, quarterly. Also *Clere*, *Heydon* and *Berney*.

Sir *Bartholomew Rede*, lord mayor of *London* in 1502, was born here, son of *Roger Rede*, and *Catherine* his wife, abovementioned; he by his will, founded a freeschool, here, with a stipend of 10*l*. *per ann.* for the master, paid by the Goldsmiths Company.

Shipden, tenths, 2*l*. 10*s*.

FELBRIGG.

Roger Bigot, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, had a grant of this lordship on the expulsion of two freemen of *Guert*, (brother of *Harold*, the King, and slain with him at the battle of *Hastings*,) who held 2 carucates of land, with one villain, 7 borderers, two carucates in demean, and one amongst the tenants, &c.; 4 acres of meadow; 8 socmen also belonged to it, with 63 acres of land, and a carucate and an half of the tenants, &c. valued then at 40*s*. at the survey at 4*l*.; it was half a leuca long, 4 furlongs and 3 perches broad; paid 3*d*. *ob*. gelt; and *Metune* was 5 furlongs long,[5] and 4 furlongs and 6 perches broad, and paid 5*d*. gelt.[6]

Ailward de Felebrigge seems to have held under *Bigot*, at the

[3] Reg. Norman, fol. 15.

[4] Reg. Rix. Norw. fol. 115.

[5] See of Metton, a beruite to this manor.

[6] Terra Rogeri Bigoti. In Felebruge ii. lib. ho'es Gerti et ht. ii. car. t're. semp. i. vill. et vii. bor. et ii. car. in d'nio. et i. car. ho'um. silva ad lx. por. iiii. ac. p'ti. et iste ht. viii. soc. de lxiii. ac. tr'e. et sep. i. car. et dim. ho'um. silva ad vi. por. tc. et p. val. xl. sol. et mo. iiii. lib. ht. dim. leug. in long. et iiii. quar. et iii. perc. in lato. et de gelto iiid. et obolum; et Metune, v. quar. in longo, et iiii. et. vi. perc. in lato, et de gelto vd.

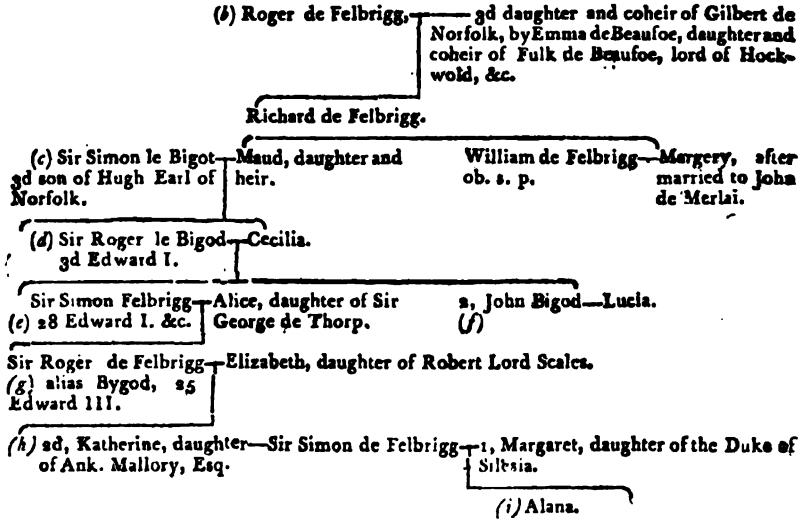
survey, and was lord of a small fee in *Winterton*, which is then said to be valued in this manor.

The ancient family of *De Felbrigg* assumed their name from this town, of which they were thus enfeoffed by the *Bigots*, on the conquest.

Roger de Felbrigg married a daughter and coheir of *Gilbert de Norfolk*, lord of *Beeston*, by whom he had *Richard de Felbrigg*, his son and heir, lord of *Felbrigg*, whose son and heir *William*, by *Mary* his wife, left no issue, and died before his father.[7] In the 4th of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *Mary de Merlai*, petent, and *Richard de Felbrigg*, tenent, of the 3d part of 2 carucates of land in this town, of 40s. rent, in lands at *Runton*, of one carucate of land in *East Herling*, of one mark's rent in *Massingham*, and of a mill and pond in *Newton*; of which *William de Felbrigg*, son and heir of the said *Richard*, formerly husband of *Mary* (now the wife of *John de Merlai*) had endowed her; and *Richard* grants to her the land in *Herling*, *Massingham*, and lands in *Runton*, with the services of several persons, and to her heirs, paying a certain rent; and she released all her right in the rest.

On the death of the said *William*, *Richard de Felbrigg* had an only daughter and heir, *Maud*, who married Sir *Simon le Bigot*, 3d son (as is said) of *Hugh le Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*, by *Maud* his wife, daughter of *William Mareschal* Earl of *Pembroke*; Sir *Simon* was living in the 20th of *Henry* III. but died before the 36th of that King; *Maud* his wife being then a widow, and in the 56th of the said King. Of this family I shall here give the pedigree, and make some remarks thereon.

FELBRIGG'S PEDIGREE.



(c) *Maud* was his widow, in the 36th of *Henry* III. as appears by

[7] See in Beeston Regis.

a fine then levied; and in the 3d of *Edward* I. claimed wreck of sea, assise of bread, &c.

(d) Sir *Roger* had a grant of free warren in the 9th of *Edward* I. he and *Cecilia* living in the 23d of that King.

(e) Sir *Simon* was lord in the 9th of *Edward* II. and 22d of *Edward* III.

(f) *John Bigod*, Esq. was lord of *Tuttington*, in *Suffolk*, as will be shown.

(g) Sir *Roger de Felbrigg*, alias *Bigod*, was lord in the 25th of *Edward* III. and had a mercate and fair here; in the 28th of that King, he is said to have been prisoner in the wars of *France*; was living in the 41st of the aforesaid King, and sealed with a lion salient, died at *Paris* in *France*, and was there buried.

(h) Sir *Simon Felbrigg* was standard bearer to King *Richard* II. and held a patent in the 18th of that King, for 100*l. per ann.* the usual fee or allowance; in the 22d of that King, was one of the knights of the King's chamber, and had a grant of the manor of *Beeston Regis*, in *Norfolk*, late *Richard Arundel's*, who was attainted. In the 8th of *Henry* V. he and Sir *William Beauchamp*, Sir *John Beaufoe*, Knights, *Robert Lovell*, &c. were appointed commissioners to muster 500 men at arms, 1000 archers, commanded by *Hugh Courtney* Earl of *Devonshire*, and the Lord *Botreaux*, for the guard of the narrow seas; being made Knight of the Garter in the 2d of that King, in 1422, at St. *George's* feast at *Windsor*, with *Humphrey* Duke of *Gloucester*, *Richard Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*, *Robert* Lord *Willoughby*, *Henry* Lord *Fitz-Hugh*, *Lewis de Robesart* Lord *Bouchier*; Sir *John Cornwall*, Sir *Thomas Erpingham*, Sir *Walter Hungerford*, and Sir *John de Robesart*, his senior knights, and *Will. de Hertaudolux*, his junior, reciting that King *Hen.* V. in his life, had instituted Garter to be principal of the office of arms, but that no maintenance was settled on him; they, during the nonage of King *Henry* VI. settle several annual pensions on him, payable by every Knight of the Garter.

He married first, *Margaret*, daughter and heir (as our historians say) to the Duke of *Silesia*, and *Theise* in *Germany*, (nephew to the King of *Bohemia*,) cousin to *Ann*, Queen-consort of *Richard* II. King of *England*, (daughter of *Charles* IV. and sister to *Wencislaus*, Emperors of *Germany*) who came into *England* with that Queen, on her marriage, in 1381, and was one of her maids of honour. His 2d wife was *Catherine*, daughter of *Anketill Mallory*, Esq. of *Winwick* in *Northamptonshire*, widow of *Ralph Grene*, Esq. of *Drayton*, in the said county, (who died *October* 4 in the 5th of *Henry* V.) the said *Catherine* survived Sir *Simon*, who made his will several years before his death, dated at *Felbrigg* in *September*, in the 10th of *Henry* VI. appoints *Ralph* Lord *Cromwell*, *Robert* Lord *Willoughby*, *Thomas* Lord *Scales*, *William* Lord *Bardolph*, Sir *John Clifton*, Sir *William Paston*, &c. trustees; his manors of *Felbrigg*, *Runton*, *Baningham*, *Colby*, *Tottington*-hall, and *Ingworth* in *Norfolk*, are mentioned; the manors of *Felbrigg* and *Aylmerton*, to be sold after his wife *Catherine's* decease, to pay his debts and legacies;[a] to *Alana*, his daughter, wife of Sir *Tho. de Wanton*, the manors of *Brisworth* in *Suffolk*, and of *Sharpenhow* and *Stratley* in *Bedfordshire*; they giving sufficient security

[a] Reg. Rous in Cur. Prerog. Lond. fol. 3.

not to disturb his trustees in the executing the residue of his will; and the heirs of her body failing, he gives them to Sir *John Fellbrigg*, &c. to *Ann*, his daughter, a nun at *Brusyard* in *Suffolk*, 13*s*. 4*d*. *per ann*. to be paid out of the manor of South *Repps*, for life, and after to the abbess and convent aforesaid, for ever; also 8 marks *per ann*. to the said *Ann* for life, out of the manor of *Fellbrigg*, after the decease of *Catherine* his wife.

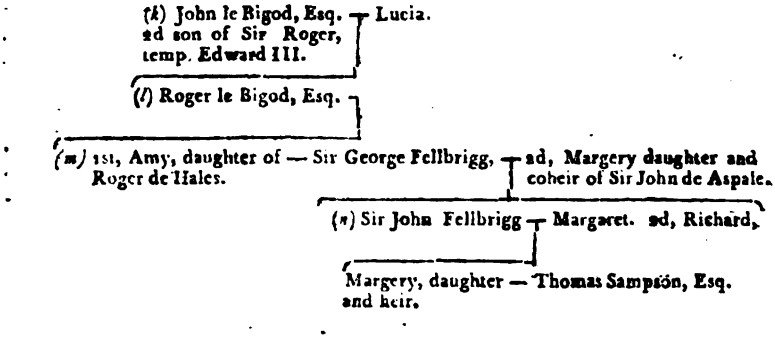
His will was proved *February* 20, 1443; *Catherine* his widow, and *Oliver Groos*, Esq. being executors, she held in jointure from *Ralph Green*, the manor of *Chalton*, and *Culworth* in *Bedfordshire*, *Buckworth* in *Huntingdonshire*, White *Roding* in *Essex*, *Cumberton* in *Cambridgehire*, *Wabenham's*, called *Green's Wolston*, and *Emberton* in *Buckinghamshire*.

By her will, dated *February* 14, 1459, she orders her body to be buried in the choir of the Friars-Preachers of *Norwich*, by the body of Sir *Simon* her husband; gives to *Isabel* Lady *Morley*, a cross of gold; to *Joan Toppe*, her neice, a silver girdle; to *Elizabeth Coppledike*, her neice, 40*s*. to *Ela*, wife of Sir *William Yelverton*, the judge, a silver pix, gilt with gold; and 20*l*. to the building of a new steeple to the Friars church. His arms were *or*, a lion saliant, *gules*.

Alana, daughter and heir of Sir *Simon Fellbrigg*, by his first lady, was, in the year 1431, the wife of Sir *Thomas Wanton*; whom I take to be her 2d husband, and Sir *William Tyndale* of *Dean*, in *Northamptonshire*, to be her first, by whom she had issue; and her grandson, Sir *William Tyndale* of *Hockwold* in *Norfolk*, was made Knight of the Bath, at the creation of *Arthur* Prince of *Wales*, son of King *Henry* VII. and declared heir (in right of his grandmother, *Margaret*,) to the kingdom of *Bohemia*. Some writings say that Sir *Simon* had by his lady, *Margaret*, 2 or 3 sons, besides the 2 daughters abovementioned; but it is certain that (if he had) they were all dead at the time he made his will; in the 2d year of *Henry* VI. he is called *Maxime Senex*.

To this account of the elder branch of the *Fellbriggs* I shall add that of the younger branch, who had some interest in this lordship, as is apparent from the will of Sir *Simon*. It has been observed, in the pedigree above, that Sir *Roger le Bigod* had by *Cecilia* his wife, 2 sons, Sir *Simon* the eldest, and *John*, his 2d son, from whom descended the *Suffolk*, or younger branch.

A PEDIGREE of the younger Branch of the FELBRIGGS.



(*k*) *John le Bigod*, was lord of *Tuttingtoa* in *Suffolk*, in the 13th of *Edward* III. by the gift of his father.

(*l*) *Roger*, son of *John le Bigod*, alias *Fellbrigg*, lord of *Tuttington* Hall, in 41st of *Edward* III.

(*m*) Sir *George Fellbrigg*, about the end of King *Edward* the Third's reign, was Esq. of the body to that King. In the 41st of that reign, the King wrote to the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, his chancellor, to pardon his beloved Esq. *George de Fellbrigg*, for money due to the Crown, for lands granted to him on the forfeiture of *John But* of *Norwich*, dated 8th of *June*. In the first of *Richard* II. he was one of the jury who found *Alice Perers* (late King *Edward* the Third's mistress) guilty of maintenance. In the 7th of that King, he and *Margery* his wife, held the manors of *Wortham*, and *Ingham* in *Suffolk*; and about the said time, *Roger Mortimer* Earl of *March* granted to him and *Roger Mareschall*, Esq. the manor and park of *Standon*, in *Hertfordshire*, to farm; his seal was then, a lion salient, and crest, a plume of peacock's feathers issuing out of a ducal coronet; and that of *Maresshall*, a chevron between three crescents. He was in the King's army, when he marched against the *Scots*, in his 9th year; was knighted by him on his entrance into that country, and had, on *Septem.* 9, a grant of 40*l. per ann.* for life, payable out of the issues of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, by the sheriff; was appointed one of the King's proctors in his 10th year, to conclude a league with *William* Duke of *Guelderland*, and by *Thomas* Duke of *Gloucester*, and constable of *England*, *October* 12; in the 15th of the said King, one of the lieutenants in the court of chivalry, to hear and determine the cause between the Lords *Morley* and *Lovell*.

He married two wives; *Avice*, his first, was the relict of *Edmund de Reedesham*, daughter and heir of Sir *Roger de Hales*, in whose right he held, by the courtesy of *England*, the manor of *Hales* Hall, but had no surviving issue by her.

His 2d wife was *Margaret*, first daughter and coheir of Sir *John de Aspale*, widow of Sir *Thomas Nauuton*; she occurs his wife in the 3d of *Richard* II.

Sir *George's* will is dated *February* 3, 1400; he was buried in the church of St. *Mary* of *Playford*, in *Suffolk*, and appoints *Margery* his wife, and Sir *Roger Drury* his executors, proved *May* 18 following.[9] The will of *Margery*, his widow, bears date on *July* 16, 1419; she appoints *Richard Fellbrigg* her son, executor. In a window of the church of *Playford*, which was built by Sir *George*, was his portraiture, and that of his lady, *Margaret*, and the arms of *Fellbrigg*, impaling *Aspal*, *azure*, three chevronels, *or*.

(*n*) Sir *John Fellbrigg* was son and heir of *George*, by *Margery* his wife; he left one daughter and heir, *Margery*, married to *Thomas Sampson*, Esq. Sir *John*, by his will, dated *October* 2, 1423, was buried in the chancel of *Playford* church, in which church were the arms of *Fellbrigg*, impaling *Waldgrave*, probably his lady. *Thomas Sampson*, Esq. and *Margery* his wife, were there buried. *Thomas* died in 1439, and his quartered coat was then, ——— *Sampson*, *argent*, a cross flory, *gules*, between 4 escallops, *sable*, quartering *Fellbrigg*; *Saket ermine*, on chief indented, *sable*, two estoils, *or*, and *Aspal*.

[9] Reg. Harsyke, fol. 26.

The manor of *Felbrigg* being left by Sir *Simon Felbrigg*, to be sold after the death of his wife, *Catherine*, *Thomas* Lord *Scales*, one of his trustees, bought the reversion of it of his executors, and after sold it to *John Wymondham*, Esq. which *John* had also a lease of it from the Lady *Catherine*; he and his wife, the Lady *Margery*, relict of Sir *Edward Hastings*, of *Elsing* in *Norfolk*, daughter of Sir *Robert Clifton* of *Bokenham* castle in the said county, lived here, when Sir *John Felbrigg*, eldest son of Sir *George Felbrigg*, abovementioned, made a forcible entry, in the absence of her husband, threatened to fire the house, she having locked herself up in a room to keep possession, and at last dragged her out by the hair of her head, and took possession; but *John Wymondham*, having the King's order, to *Thomas Montgomery*, Esq. sheriff of the county, to be put in possession, he came to an agreement, and *Wymonham* paying to Sir *John* 200 marks, he released all his right and claim to this lordship; and in the 39th of *Henry* VI. Sir *John*, and his wife conveyed it to *John Wymonham* by fine.

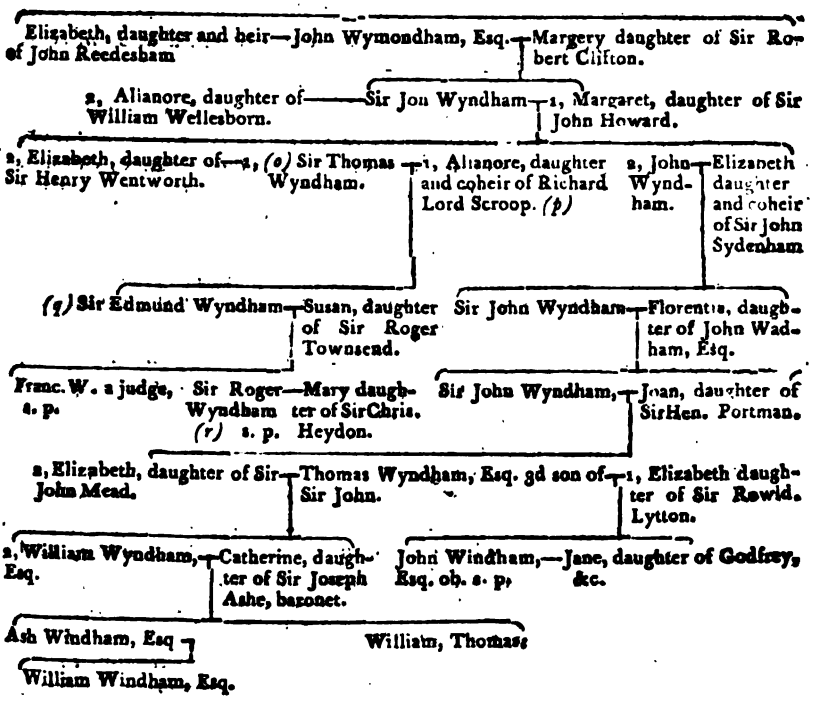
This Sir *John* had the manor of *Crownthorp* in *Norfolk*, conveyed to him in the 15th of *Henry* VI. by *William Hales* of *Wells*, and *Margaret* his wife.

His 2d wife was *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of Sir *John Reedesham*, of *Suffolk*, relict of Sir *Thomas Heveningham*.

He bequeaths by his will, *April* 26, 1475, his body to be buried in the church of the Friars-preachers, at *Norwich*, which was proved *January* 22d, 1476. *Reg. Gelour, fol.* 115.

John Windham was his son and heir retained by, and in the service of Sir *John Howard*, (afterwards Duke of *Norfolk*,) in the beginning of the reign of King *Edward* IV. and in the 7th of that King, married *Margaret*, 4th daughter of the said Sir *John*; in the treaty of his marriage, it was agreed, that Sir *John* should provide and find all manner of array for *John Wyndham*, junior, Esq. and *Margaret*, his daughter, at, and for the said marriage, and all manner of meat and drink, for all manner of persons, and all other things necessary, behoffull and convenient, at the proper cost and charge of the said Sir *John*, for the space of 2 years following the said marriage continually, with meat and drink for the said *John* and *Margaret*, convenient for them, their servants, and their horses. Her jointure was to be in the manors of *Crownthorp*, *Baningham*, *Colby* and *Ingworth*. In 1489, he was with King *Henry* VII. at the battle of *Stoke*, and there knighted, but on the 6th of *May*, in 1503, he with Sir *James Tyrrell*, were beheaded as traitors to the King, (on *Tower-Hill*) on a conspiracy in favour of *Edmund de la Pole* Earl of *Suffolk*, and was buried in the church of the *Austin*-friars of *London*, where several who had suffered on the part of the house of *York* were interred. He is said to have married to his 2d wife, *Alianore*, daughter of *William Wellesborn*, Esq; Sir *Thomas Windham* was his son and heir, as the following pedigree shows:

WYNDHAM'S PEDIGREE.



(o) Sir *Tho. Wyndham*, son and heir of Sir *John*, and the Lady *Margaret*, was restored in blood, and knighted by Sir *Edward Howard*, admiral of the *English* fleet, at *Crowton-Bay*, near *Brest*, in the 4th year of King *Henry* VIII. he was vice-admiral, knight of the King's body-guard, and one of his privy council. He married to his first wife, *Alianore*, daughter and heir of *Richard Scroop*, lord of *Upsall* in *Yorkshire*, or as some say, of Sir *Henry Scroop*; his second wife was *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Henry Wentworth*, of *Nettlestead* in *Suffolk*, widow of Sir *Roger Darcy*, of *Danbury* in *Essex*. It appears by his will, dated at *Felbrigg*, *Octobert* 22, 1521, that he had the lordship of *Botley*, *Hamesthwayt*, and *Wighton* in *Yorkshire*. *Crownthorp*, *Wicklewood*, *Hackford*, *Aylmerton*, *Rungton*, *Baningham*, *Ingworth*, *Tuttington*, *Colby Briston*, *Wolterton*, *Metton*, *Melton-Cockfeld's* and *Felbrigg*; appoints his Lady, *Elizabeth*, and *Thomas* Earl of *Surry*, his executors; gives to his wife 500 marks worth of plate, as she should choose, with the moiety of his household stuff, and the use of the other moiety for life only; to *Margaret* and *Elizabeth Darcy*, his wife's daughters, each 200*l.* appoints his body to be buried in the middle of the chapel of the Blessed Virgin, in the cathedral of *Norwich*, and orders a tomb with his arms and badge, and of his 2 wives, (if his wife *Elizabeth* will be there buried,) to be erected. This chapel was at the east end of the cathedral, now in ruins; and the tomb

erected for this Knight was removed into *Jesus* chapel, in the said cathedral, where it now remains, with this inscription;

Orate p. a'i'ab; Thome Windham, militis, Elianore, et Domine Elizabethe uxorum ejus, qui quidem Thomas fuit unus conciliariorum, D'ni Regis Henrici Octavi, et unus militum pro corpore ejusdem D'ni regis necnon vice-admirallus - - - - - - - - - -

His own effigies and those of his two wives were on it, with the arms of *Wyndham, argent*, a chevron, between three lions heads erased, *or*, impaling, *azure*, a bend, *or*, with a crescent for difference, *Scroop*, quartering, *argent*, a saltire ingrailed, *gules, Tiptoft*; the arms of his first wife, as appears by the epitaph, and before the year 1502, when he was knighted. Also *Windham* impaling *Wentworth*, his second wife, and her quarterings; first, *sable* on a chevron, between three leopards heads, *or*, a crescent for difference, *Wentworth*; 2d, quarterly, *argent* and *gules*, in the 2d and 3d, a frett, *or*, on a bend, *sable*, three mullets of the first, *Spencer*;—3d, *gules*, a cross ingrailed, *argent, Ingaldesthorp*;—4th, *argent*, a fess, between two bars gemel, *gules, Budelesmere*; 5th, barry of six, or of eight, *or* and *gules*, a canton, *ermin*; quere if not *Gawsell?*—6th, *gules*, lucies haurient, *argent*, and orucily of cross crosslets, *or, Lucy*.

(*p*) *John Windham*, Esq. 2d son of Sir *John*, and brother of Sir *Thomas*, married *Eilzabeth*, daughter and coheir of Sir *John Sydenham*, of *Orchard* in *Devonshire*, where he and his descendants lived, and from whom the present Earl of *Egremont* descends.

(*q*) Sir *Edmund Windham*, eldest son of Sir *Thomas*, by *Alianore*, his wife, succeeded in his estate, married *Susan*, daughter of Sir *Roger Townsend*, of *Rainham*, by whom he had 3 sons, *Roger, Francis* and *Thomas*, and a daughter, *Amy*, married to *Henry Heveningham*, Esq. he died at *Felbrigg*, *July* 28, in the 11th of *Elizabeth*, and was there buried.

(*r*) Sir *Roger*, son of Sir *Edmund*, married *Mary*, daughter of Sir *Christopher Heydon* of *Baconsthorp*, in *Norfolk*, and died *s. p.*

Francis Windham, Esq. his brother, was judge of the Common Pleas, and married *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Nicholas Bacon*, keeper of the great seal, and died *s. p.* leaving his estate entailed on his brother, Sir *Roger, Thomas Windham*, and *Jane* his sister, (wife of *Humphrey Conynsbye*, Esq.) who all died *s. p.* the judge was buried in the church of St. *Peter's* of *Mancroft*, where, against the north wall of *Jesus* chapel, is a monument much defaced, in memory of him, and the effigies of a judge down to his waste, in his robes, with the arms of *Windham*, and his crest, a lion's head, erased, within the bow of a fetter-lock; also *Windham* quartering *Scroop*, and *Tiptoft*, and impaling *Townsend*, with his quarterings, *Haywell, Brewse, Ufford, Carbonell*, and *Shardelowe*. It does not appear to have had any inscription, but he was here interred *July* 18, 1592.

Sir *Roger*, and the rest of his family, dying s. *p.* as is observed, this manor, &c. came by entail to *Thomas Windham*, Esq. 3d son of Sir *John Windham*, of *Orchard*, by *Joan* his wife, daughter of Sir *Henry Portman* of *Orchard Portman* in *Somersetshire*, great grandson of Sir *John*, who was brother of Sir *Thomas Windham*, as the pedigree sets forth.

This *Thomas* married, first *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Rowland Lytton*, Knt. of *Knebworth* in *Hertfordshire*, by whom he had *John*, his son and heir; and by *Elizabeth*, his 2d wife, daughter of Sir *John Mead*, Esq. of *Lofts* in *Essex*, he had *William Windham: Thomas*, the father, lived to the age of 82, and died on *May* 1, 1653.

John Windham, Esq. his son and heir, had 4 wives; first, *Jane*, daughter of ——— *Godfrey*, Esq. of *Hindringham*, who died in 1652, aged 25;—2d, daughter of Sir *Roger Townsend*, Bart.;—3d, *Dorothy*, daughter or sister of *Thomas Ogle* of *Bardwell* in *Suffolk*;—4th, *Frances*, daughter of *Arthur* Earl of *Anglesea*, and afterwards married to *John Thompson* Lord *Haversham*, but died without any surviving issue.

William Windham, Esq. his brother-in-law, inherited this lordship on his death, and took to wife *Catherine*, daughter of Sir *Joseph Ash*, Knt. and Bart. of *Twickenham* in *Middlesex*, by whom he had several sons;—*Ash Windham*, Esq. the eldest, *William*, *Thomas*, &c. *William Windhum*, Esq. died in 1689; *Ash Windham*, Esq. was lord and patron in 1740, also of *Instead*, *Beckham-East*, *Wicklewood*, *Aylmerton*, *Colby*, *Crownthorpe*, *Tuttington*, *Ingworth*, *Baningham*, *Tofts*, *Metton*, *Runton*, *Thurlton*, and *Dilham*; *William Windham*, Esq. was his son and heir, and died lord in 1761, *October* 30.

The *Windhams* are a family of great antiquity, and took their name from *Windham*, a considerable market town in *Norfolk*; *Alward de Wymondham* was a witness to the foundation charter of *William de Albini*, (*Pincerna Regis*,) founder of *Wymondham* priory in the reign of *Henry* I. as were *Richard*, son of *Alward* and *Edrick de Wymundham*. *Thomas de Wimundham* was treasurer, and one of the King's council, præcentor of *Litchfield*, and baron of the Exchequer, and died in 1277.—*William de Wimundham*, clerk, was overseer of the silver mines in *Devonshire*, in 1293. *John de Wimundham*, and *Beatrix* his wife, held lands in *Kirby-Bedon*, &c. in *Norfolk*, in the 28th of *Edward* III. *William*, son of *Ralph de Windham*, purchased by fine, rents in *Norwich*, in the 12th of *Edward* I. and in the 31st, he, and *Joan* his wife, lands at *Redenhale* in *Norfolk*, by fine.

In the 24th of *Henry* III. *John Rede* was found to hold here the 8th part of a fee, of *Hugh* Lord *Bardolph*, and he of the Bishop of *Norwich*, and *John Rede* claimed frankpledge of his tenants, in the 3d of *Edward* I. and was summoned to show his right in the 14th of that King, before the itinerant judges, Sir *Solomon de Rochester*, *Walter de Hopton*, *Richard Boyland*, *Robert Fulco*, Mr. *Thomas de Sothyngton*, and *Walter de Styvecley*. In the 20th of *Edward* III. it was held by the *Felbriggs*, who paid 5*s.* scutage for it; Sir *Simon Felbrigg* had it in the 3d of *Henry* IV. and *Edmund Windham* in the 24th of *Henry* VIII. and paid every 30 weeks 10*d. ob.* castle guard to *Norwich*.

William Windham was colonel of the *Norfolk* militia, and author of a treatise for the use of that corps. His indefatigable application to study accelerated his death in 1761, leaving his son a minor, lord of *Aylmerton*, *Sustead*, *Metton*, *Parnow Hall*, *Barningham*, *Tutington*, with *Crackford*, *Ingworth*, *Runton-Hays*, *East Beckham*, *Isaac's*, and *East Beckham Marriot's*; *Toft Overhall*, and *Netherhall*, *Thurlton*, *Bainard's*, *Crownthorp*, *Wicklewood*, and *Felbrigg* in *Norfolk*.

On the pavement of the church, near to the pulpit, lies a large

marble grave-stone, whereon, as under an arch of canopy-work in brass, is the portraiture of Sir *Simon Felbrigg*, Knt. of the Garter, in complete armour, treading on a lion couchant with his hands erect, and joined in a praying manner; between his right arm stands erect, on a staff, the standard of King *Richard* II. thereon the arms of *Edward* the Confessor, a cross flory, between five martlets, impaling *France* and *England*, quarterly. King *Richard* is said to have accounted and esteemed the Confessor as his tutelary saint; and a few years past, on a visit that I paid to the late Dr. *Symonds* of *Bury*, he shewed me a large shield of stone, taken up lately out of the ruins of that abbey, with the said arms curiously carved on it. On the upper part of each arm, near the shoulder, is the shield of St. *George*, *argent*, a cross, *gules*; on his right side hangs a dagger, on his left a large broad sword, from a belt embossed and gilt, as his spurs are; and on his left leg the garter, all in brass. In a like arch with canopy-work curiously wrought, by his left side, is his lady, in a close vest, and a cloak over it, hands erect, &c. about her head a sort of coronet, and on each side of it a large lustre of jewels in the form of a rose, about her temples. On the summit, between the middle of the pillar of the canopy-work, are 2 shields, one with the arms of St. *Edward*, impaling quarterly, *France* and *England*: the other St. *Edward*, with the said quartering, being the arms of King *Richard* II. impaling, quarterly, in the 1st and 4th, *argent* a spread eagle, with two heads, *sable*, crowned, *or*; in the 2d and 3d, a lion rampant, being the arms of his Queen, *Ann*. On the middle pillar of the canopy-work are the arms of this knight, a lion saliant, impaling a spread eagle, the arms of his lady, and below that, on each side of the said pillar, is a fetterlock, his badge; which was also used by the house of *York*, and by King *Edward* IV. His supporters are not here, but are said to have been two lions, and his crest a plume of peacock's feathers, and some time a garb *argent*, banded ermine, in a coronet, *or*; the family also used the crest of a lion's head erased, in the bow of a fetterlock, as appears from a deed of Sir *Simon* in the time of *Henry* VI. and one of Sir *George Felbrigg*.

The inscription at the bottom,

Hic jacent Simon Felbrygge miles quonda' vexillari' illustrissimi D'ni. D'ni. Regis Ricardi Se'di qui obijt ——— *die mensis* ——— *Anno D'ni.* M.CCCC. ——— *et D'na Margareta quonda' consors sua natione et generoso sanguine Boama, ac olim domicella nobilissime D'ne. D'ne Anne qu'da' Anglie regine, que obiit* XXVII *die mensis Junij Ao. D'ni* M.CCCC.XVI, *quar' a'i'ab; p'pitietur Deus, Amen.*

It is to be here observed, that no date either of the day or year of Sir *Simon's* death, is here fixed; no doubt, when he laid this stone, in memory of this lady, his design was to be buried by her; but it is certain, his mind was afterwards changed, and he was buried in the choir of the *Preaching-Friars* of *Norwich*, in 1442, as was his second lady, *Catherine*, by him, in 1459. *Hugh Bygot* Earl of *Norfolk*, who married *Maud Mareschall*, bore on one side of his seal, himself in complete armour, on horseback; on the other side a lion saliant, the field was party per pale, *or* and *vert*, and the lion, *gules*, so that the *Felbriggs*, as descended from him, only varied (as was customary) the

field, but retained the lion; and the legend of Earl *Hugh's* seal was *Sigill: secretum comitis Hugonis Bigoti.*

In the said church are several grave-stones for the said family:

Infantuli duo Georgius et Joh. Windham, alter patris quartus, alter filius primogenitus, hic amplexus nascent, donec surgite resonet a D'no natus et decessit 29 Martij, 1648, *natus* 20 *Maij, decessit* 15 *Junij,* 1648.

Quid prosunt facies formosa, et membra decora,
Ipsa sub hoc gelido marmore forma jacet?

Symond de Felbrigg gyst ici, Dieu de sa alme eit mercy; ceste ymage ——— fait en remembrance de Alice sa feme que fuit la feme ———

This is in remembrance of Sir *Simon* and his wife, who lived in the reign of *Edward* I.

Ceste ymage est fait en remembrance de Mons. Roger de Felbrigg q. morir. en Paris, là est son corps enterré.

Dame Elizabeth q. fuit la feme Monsr. Roger de Felbrigg gyst icy.

Hic jacet Georgius Felbrigg, de Tutyngton, armiger, qui obiit 6 *die mensis Octob. Ao. D'ni* 1411.

Here lyeth the body of Jane Coningsbye, widow, one of the daughters of Sir Edmund Wyndham, knight, first married to John Pope of Oxford, Esq. and after, to Hump. Coningsby, Esq. and died without issue November 22, 1608, *aged* 67, *in memory of whom, Sir John Windham of Orchard in Somersetshire, her cosin and heir, hath placed this marble.*

Jana ex antiqua familia Godfreydorum de Hindringham, uxor Johs. filii primogeniti et hæredis Tho. Windham de Felbrigg armigr. post septenne connubium obt. pridie calend. Januar. 1652, *ætat.* 25, *nulla quidem partâ sobole, sed inclytâ conjugatis fidei, pietatis, probitatis, comitatis memoriâ æternum superstite.*

A neat tomb for Sir *Edmund Windham*, quartering *Scroop* and *Tiptoft*, but no inscription.

On a monument on the north side of the chancel,

Memoriæ sacrum——Tho. Windham de Felbrigg in agro Norfolc. ——— armigeri filij Johs. Windham de Orchard, in com. Somerset. equitis aurati, qui bino conjugio felix, uxorem primam habuit Elizab. Rowlandi Litton, equitis aurati in com Hertf. et ex eâ susceptum filium unicum Johan. nuper defunctum. Alteram Elizab. Johs. Mead de Lofts in Essex. equitis item aurati filiam numerosa prole ab eodem, Tho. fœcundam; quatuor masculis, Tho. Guliel. Georg. et Joh. et fœminis duabus Eliz. et Johanna, maritoq; mortuo, extruxit hoc monumentum ——— Obijt (annorum ac opum satur) ætat. suæ 82, 1 *Martij,* 1653.

On this monument are the arms of *Windham*, and of his wives; *Lytton, ermine*, on a chief indented, *azure*, three crowns, *or*; and *Mead, sable*, a chevron between three pelicans wounding themselves, *or*.

On the south side of the chancel a monument,

In memory of Richard Chamberline, Esq. decended from the Chamberlins of Astley Castle in Warwickshire.

A marble monument,

In memory of John Windham of Lincoln's Inn, youngest son of Thomas Windham of Felbrigg, Esq. and Elizab. Meade, &c. and of Thomas Windham his eldest brother, who both died of the small pox, John, June 2, 1676, and Thomas died in 1661, and were buried at Lofts.

Here lieth the body of Thomas Windham, Esq. 3d son of Sir Edmund, who lived a single life, and died December 20, 1599, to whose memory Sir John Windham of Orchard in Somersetshire, his cosen and heir, hath set this marble.

Liv'st thou Thomas? Yes—where? with God on high,
Art thou not dead? Yes, and here I lye.
I that with men on earth did live to die,
Dy'd for to live with Christ eternally.

William Windham, Esq. second son of *Thomas*, by *Elizabeth*, his wife, is buried in a vault; he died *June* 9, 1689, in the 42d year of his age, and had by *Catherine* his wife, 8 sons and 3 daughters.

In the church windows were these arms; *Felbrigg* impaling *Aspale*. *Delapole* and *Wingfield* quarterly. *Felbrigg* impaling checque, *or* and *gules*, a fess, *ermine*, *Thorp*. *Felbrigg* impaling *Scales*. *Felbrigg* impaling, *azure*, an eagle displayed, &c. *sable*. Probably the arms of the Lady *Margaret*, wife of Sir *Simon Felbrigg*, Knt. of the Garter.

The church is a rectory. The ancient valor was 8 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence, 7*d*. In the reign of *Edward* I. the rector had 50 acres of land and a manse. The present valor is 6*l*. 18*s*. 3*d*. and is discharged.

RECTORS.

Nicholas occurs rector in 1286.

In 1340, *William Waryn* was instituted, presented by Sir *Simon Felbrigg*.

1341, *Thomas de Walcote*. *Ditto*.

Ralph Colby occurs rector in 1344.

Thomas de Walcote, in 1348 and 1382.

In 1384, *John Zymme*, presented by *George Felbrigge*, and *John Wolterton*.

1445, *William Bough*, on the resignation of *William Pope*, by the Lady *Catherine Felbrigge*.

1448, *Richard Laxton* rector, resigned.

1482, *William Byshop*, rector.

1484, *John Everard*, by *John Wyndham*, Esq.

Robert Gold, rector in 1603, returned 68 communicants.

Benj. Beck, A. M. rector, and prebend of *Norwich*, in 1708.

1729, *Edward Barnes*, on *Beck's* death, by *Ash Windham*, Esq.

1736, *Tim. Jones*, by *ditto*.

1760, *John Alexander*, by *William Windham*, Esq.

1764, Mr. *Lukin*.

In the 2d of *Edward* I. *Nicholas Panton* of *Felbrigg* granted to Friar *Hamond de Montania*, master of the hospital of St. *Anthony* of *Vienna*, in *France*, 40 acres of land, and 10*s*. rent in *Felbrigge*, by

fine; of this hospital was a cell in *Broad*-street, *London*. See *Stow's* Survey of *London*.

Several towns take their name from *Fel*, a river, as this, and the bridge over it; thus, *Felmingham*, *Felton*, *Felstead*, &c.

GUNTON.

This town was granted to *William Beaufoe* Bishop of *Thetford*, by the Conqueror, and held in his own right as a lay fee. *Agelmar*, or *Almar*, Bishop of *Elmham*, bought it in the reign of the Confessor.

It consisted of 2 carucates of land, 8 villains, 6 bordarers, one carucate in demean, 2 among the tenants, 4 acres and an half of meadow, one mill, one beast for carriage, one cow, &c. and 7 socmen had half a carucate of land with one bordarer, a mill, and half an acre of meadow; and 2 carucates valued then at 20*s*. at the survey at 4*l*. *per ann.* was half a leuca long, 6 furlongs broad, and paid 6*d*. 3 farthings gelt; of the 2 carucates, *William Denvers* held one, and there was one besides his, valued at 12*s*.[1] and accounted for in the Bishop's manor of *Langham*; *Agelmer* Bishop of *Elmham*, who purchased it, being deprived by a synod in 1070, and dying probably soon after, *William Beaufoe* obtained it of the Conqueror, and on his death gave it to his see. In 1122, *Matthew de Gunton* was lord of it; Sir *Roger de Gunton* and *Thomas de Gunton*, probably his sons, succeeded him, and each held a moiety or manor called *Overhall*, and *Netherall*, held of the Bishop.

Sir *Roger de Gunton*, son of Sir *Roger*, was father of *Matthew de Gunton*, (living in the 19th of *Henry* III.) and gave in marriage with his daughter to *Roger Barr*, 100*s*. rent here. *Mathew de Gunton*, son of Sir *Roger*, by deed, *sans* date, granted to *William*, son of *William de Stalham*, with *Isabel* his daughter, in free marriage, 100*s*. rent in *Uurdestede*, (*Worstede*) and *Dalling*, with several homages, services, customary dues, &c. to be held of him and his heirs, and if he cannot warrant it, to exchange it for lands in *Gunton*, or *Martham* manor; witnesses, Sir *William de Kerdeston*, *Roger* his son, *Alexander de Vaux*, *Regind. le Gross*, *Simon de Noers*, &c. His seal to it is about the size of a crown-piece, and is three lozengy-buckles, and made of rye dough, circumscribed, *Sigillum Mathei de Gunton*; and in 1323, Sir *Roger de Gunton*, as lord of a moiety, presented to this church, and *John de Gunton* in 1343 and 1349.

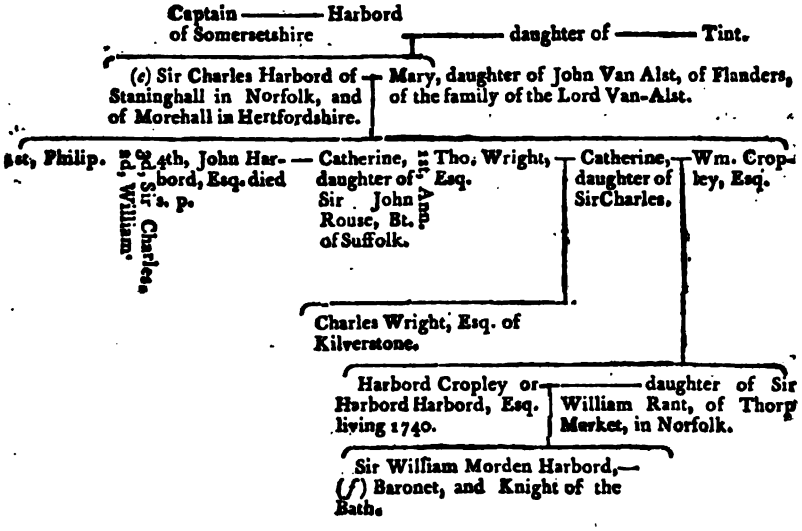
[1] Terra Willi. Eps. Tedford. de feudo.—In Gunetune quam emit Almar. T. R. E. ad episcopatu ten. die qua fuit mortuus ii car t're. viii vill. semp. vi bord. semp. i car. in d'nio. ii car. hom. iiii ac. et dim. p'ti. tc. i molin e mo. i. sep. i runc et i an. et ii porc. et vii soc. dim. car. t're. et i bord. i mol. dim. ac p'ti. semp. ii car. tc. val. xx sol. m'. iiii lib. ht. dim. lg. in longo, et vi qr. in lato. et de gelto vi d. et iii ferding. De his tenet Wills. Denvers i car. t're. et i car. sup. eu' et val. xii sol. in eod. p'tio.

Sir *Walter de Gunton*, by *Adelicia* his wife, left a daughter and heir, *Milecentia*, who brought it by marriage to Sir *Walter de Walcot*, whose son, Sir *Walter*, marrying *Joan*, daughter and heir of *William*, 2d son of Sir *William Clopton*, left 4 daughters and coheirs; *Margaret*, the wife of Sir *Robert Berney* of *Wichingham*, relict of *Roger de Welesham*; *Elizabeth*, wife of *Ralph Bray*, or rather of *William Wylton* of *Wichampton* in *Norfolk*; *Catherine*, of *John Dorward*, Esq.; and *Margery*, a nun, at *Carhow* abbey near *Norwich*. *Joan*, after the decease of her husband, *Walcot*, married Sir *Roger Beauchamp*; and on *May* 15, 1374, letters of administration of all the goods, &c. of Sir *Roger Beauchamp*, were granted to her.

Sir *Robert Berney* purchased by fine, in the 19th of *Richard* II. the part or share of *Elizabeth*, wife of *William Wilton*; and before this, *John Dorward*, and *Catherine* his wife, conveyed all their right to him in the 11th of the said King, and was found to hold half a fee of the Bishop of *Norwich*; in the 17th of *Edward* IV. *John Berney*, Esq. died seized of it, of *Streto*, and *Cley* Hall in *Wichingham*, *Holbrook's* in *Seething*, &c.

Robert Berney dying lord in the 2d of *Henry* VII. that King granted in the following year to Sir *Ralph Shelton*, the custody of the lands and marriage of *Ralph Berney*, his brother and heir; this *Ralph* married *Ann*, daughter of *Richard Southwell*, Esq. of *Wood-Rysing*, and died about the 27th of *Henry* VIII. held of the Bishop by one fee. *Robert* was his son and heir, who by *Susan* his wife, daughter of Sir *Henry Fermour*, Knt. of *East Barsham*, had several sons and daughters. He was lord of *Gunton-Overhall* and *Netherhall*, *Cley Hall*, and *Strete Hall* in *Wichingham*; in his will, dated *October* 7, 1558, he requires to be buried in the chancel of *Gunton* church by his wife; names *Martin*, *John*, *Thomas*, and *Kenelm* his sons, (*d*) *Margaret* and *Winefred*, his daughters; appoints *Robert Holditch*, his brother, *John Berney*, his brother-in-law, *John Corbet*, Esq. and *Henry Baynell*, executors, and Sir *Richard Southwell*, supervisor. *Margaret*, his daughter, married to *Edmund Lyndsey*, and *Winfred* to *Philip Lewgar*; [illegible] *September* 29 following; *Martin* was found to be his son and heir, 23, who by *Margaret*, daughter of *Robert Flynte of Elingham*, was father of *Francis*; he married *Mary*, daughter of [illegible] *Farmer*, Esq. of *East Barsham*, and was father of *Thomas* [illegible] This *Francis* sold *Gunton* to *John Jermy*, Esq. councellor of [illegible] son of *Robert Jermy*, of *Antingham*, and *Ann* his wife, daughter [illegible] *Richard Calthorp*, of *Antingham*, Esq. *John* married first, *Mary*, heir [illegible] of *Thomas Moulson*, by whom he had *Ann*, married to *Arthur* [illegible] Esq. of *Parendon* in *Essex*; his 2d wife was *Elianor*, daughter *Thomas Jermy* of *Stutton*, in *Suffolk*, Gent. by whom he had *Francis* [illegible] eldest son, and *John Jermy*, Esq. his 2d son, lord of *Gunton*, who [illegible] father of *Francis*, and married ———, daughter of *William* [illegible] *Wayne* of *Norwich*, attorney. *Francis* sold this lordship to *John Harbord*, Esq. (4th son of Sir *Charles Harbord*, Knt. surveyor-general,) colonel of the militia, who died by a fall from his horse, *September* 28, 1710, leaving the greatest part of his estate to *Harbord Cropley*, Esq. son of Colonel *William Cropley*, who married *Catherine*, his sister, daughter of Sir *Charles Harbord*.

HARBORD'S PEDIGREE.



Sir *Charles Harbord* was surveyor-general to King *Charles* I. and II. he died in 1679, aged 84, and was buried at *Besthorp*, in *Norfolk*, where, against the north wall, is a monument in remembrance of him.

(e) Sir *Charles*, by *Mary* his wife, had several children; *Philip*, his eldest son, married *Ann*, daughter of Sir *William Drury* of *Besthorp* in *Norfolk*, and coheir of *Anthony*, her brother.

William Harbord, Esq. the 2d son, and surveyor-general, was of *Cadbury* in *Somersetshire*, married first, *Mary*, daughter of Dr. *Duck* of *Cadbury*, LL. D. by whom he had three daughters and coheirs; and by his 2d wife, *Catherine*, daughter of ——— *Russell*, sister of the admiral who was Earl of *Orford*, left one daughter; he built an hospital at *Thetford*, and settled 30*l. per ann.* for 6 poor people, and died at *Belgrade* in *July*, 1692.

Sir *Charles Harbord*, the 3d son, was captain of a man of war, and killed in a sea fight against the *Dutch*, in 1672, and buried in *Westminster* abbey.

John Harbord, Esq. 4th son, lord of *Gunton*, died without issue, and left his estate to his nephew, *Harbord Cropley* son of *William Cropley*, Esq. by *Catherine*, his sister, 3d daughter of Sir *Charles Harbord*, and relict of *Thomas Wright*, Esq. of *Kilverstone* in *Norfolk*; *William Cropley*, Esq. was of *Stelland-Hall* in *Suffolk*, and of *Thetford* in *Norfolk*.

Anne, the eldest daughter of Sir *Charles*, married ——— *Newman*, Esq. and *Hester*, the 2d daughter, ——— *Britiffe*, Esq. of *Cley*.

(f) Sir *William*, created baronet in 1446, *March* 29, and also was Knight of the Bath; he bore quarterly, *argent* and *gules*, four lions rampant, counterchanged, and in the fess point, a cap of maintenance.

Harbord Harbord, Esq. his son and heir, married in 1760, a daughter

of Sir *Ralph Ashton*, Bart. of *Lancashire*, and is member of parliament for *Norwich*.

The arms of *Gunton* were *azure*, three buckles lozengy, *or*, *Welesham*, *sable*, two bars, and in chief, three cinquefoils, *or*. *Lyndsey* bore, *or*, an eagle displayed, *gules*, beaked, &c. *azure*. *Lewgar*, *argent*, a raguly, *vert*. between three escallops, *gules*. *Flynt*, *sable*, on a chevron engrailed, *argent*, two lions combatant, *gules*, between three crescents, *ermin*.

Bartholomew de Gunton had an interest or lordship in this town, in the reign of *Richard* I. as appears by a roll in the Exchequer;[2] as had *John de Gunton*, who was brother of *Matthew*, who died without issue in the 5th of *Edward* I. his sisters and coheirs, were *Isabella*, married to *Roger de Bavent*;[3] *Margaret*, to *John de Melwode*, alias *Methwold*; *Catherine* to *Simon de Lenne*, alias *de Lincoln*; *Sibilla* to *John de Gymingham*, and *Juliana* to *Simon Peche*.

John de Methelwold was patron in right of his wife, in the reign of *Edward* I. and in the 20th of that King, *Simon de Lincoln*, and *Catherine* his wife, conveyed a moiety of the manor of *Gunton* and advowson, to *Robert Burnell* Bishop of *Bath* and *Wells*; Sir *Philip Burnell*, the Bishop's heir and nephew, enjoyed it, and left it to his son, Sir *Edward*, who in the 6th of *Edward* II. released to Sir *Walter de Norwich*, for 80 marks, this manor, with lands and tenements in *Thorpe Market*, &c. Sir *John de Norwich* was lord in the 29th of *Edward* III.

After this, it came to the *Berneys*, and so was united to the other moiety.

At the survey, *Alan* Earl of *Richmond* had a socman with 12 acres of land, an acre and an half of meadow, valued at 5*s*.[4] This was held by the lords of the aforesaid manor.

The tenths were 2*l*. 0*s*. 6*d*.

Several towns take their names from the word *Gun*; as *Gunton* in *Suffolk*, *Gunby* in *Yorkshire*, *Gunthorp* in *Norfolk*, the name probably of some adjoining rivulet.

The CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to St. *Andrew*. In the reign of *Edward* I. the rector had a manse and 30 acres of land, it was valued at 12 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence, 10*d*. The present valor is 8*l*. and is discharged.

RECTORS.

Roger de Gunton, rector, died in 1323, and
Nicholas de Castleacre was instituted, presented by Sir *Roger de Gunton*.
1343, *Richard de Westacre*, by *John de Gunton*.
1349, *Roger Bacon*. *Ditto*.
1352, *John de Waburn*, by Sir *Walter de Walcote*.
John Boton, rector.

[2] Rot. de Eschaet. et Waard. in Cur. Sc'cij.
[3] Term. Hillar. coram Rege.
[4] T're. Alani Comitis. —— In Gunetune i soc. de xii ac. t're. i. et dim. p'ti. semp. val. vi sal.

1353, *John Jacob*, by Sir *Bartholomew de Antingham, Thomas de Clopton*, &c.
1372, *Robert Atte-Bure*, by Sir *Roger de Beauchamp.*
1396, *John Hales*, by Sir *Thomas Erpingham.*
1431, *Henry Swayn*, by *Oliver Gross, Edmund Winter, John Bacon*, and Sir *Thomas de Erpingham.*
1443, *William Fuller*, by *John Berney* of *Wichingham.*
1458, *Henry Bolt*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1458, *Regind. Steyne*, by *John Paston, William Alyngton*, &c. Esq.
1464, *Thomas Messenger*, by *John*, senior, &c.
1469, *John Stanton*, by Sir *Thomas Brews*, and *Ralph Shelton*, Esq.
1477, *William Broke*, by *John Bernard*, Esq. and *Joan*, his wife.
1516, *William Toke*, by *Ralph Berney*, Esq.
1521, *John Delehaut. Ditto.*
William Buck occurs in 1550.
1558, *John Ridley*, by the Bishop's vicar general, a lapse.
1563, *John Stout*, by *Giles Fenn*, on a grant from *Mart. Berney.*
1576, *William Harmer*, by *Mart. Berney*, Esq.
1579, *William Bentley*, by the Queen, a lapse.
1580, *William Vowell. Ditto.*
1580, *William Hall. Ditto*; he returned in 1603, 60 communicants.
1614, *Robert Flight*, A. M. by *Ambr. Randolph*, Esq.
1620, *Christopher Gosse*, by *John Jermy*, and *Alianore* his wife.
1638, *John Farey*, A. M. by *Alianore Jermy*, widow.
1661, *Anthony Jermy*, A. M. by *John Jermy*, Esq.
1724, *Robert Cremer*, by *Harbord Harbord*, Esq.
1732, *John Tayleur*, by *Harbord Harbord*, Esq.
1757, *John Tayleur.*
On a gravestone in the chancel, a plate of brass,

In memory of Robert Berney, Esq. and Susanna his wife, who had 21 *children: Robert departed this life November* 25, 1558, *and Susanna December* 25, 1557.

Orate p. a' i' a. Johs. Codon filii Georgii Codon armig — *Cuddon, argent*, a chevron, *gules*, on a chief, *azure*, three bezants, impaling *Berney.*

In 1509, *Thomas Martyn*, Gent. buried in the church of St. *Andrew* of *Gunton*; another register, *ao.* 1574,[3] called St. *Peter's* of *Gunton.*

In the church windows, *Berney* impaling *Fermer—sable*, a bend ingrailed, between thirteen billets, *argent*,—*Allington.*—*Berney* impaling *Allington.* — *Berney* impaling *Southwell.*—*Erpingham.*—*Argent*, a fess dauncy, *gules*, between three eagles displayed, *sable*, *Elmham* or *Leeds.*—Two grey hounds endorsed, reguardant, *sable*, collared, *gules*, *Bernard.*

[3] Reg. Johnson, fol. 47, and Reg. Heydon.

GIMMINGHAM,

Called *Gunningham* in *Domesday Book*; the Earl *Warren* was then lord of it, *Ratho*, a freeman, being deprived of it; 2 carucates of land belonged to it, 12 villains, eleven borderers, 2 servi, 2 carucates in demean, and 4 among the tenants, with 12 acres of meadow, 2 mills, 2 runci, that is horses for carriage, &c. and eleven breeding mares in the woods, &c. 30 sheep, 30 goats, and 36 socmen had 48 acres of land, and 3 carucates and an half; there was also a church endowed with 28 acres. *Knapton* and *Sustran* were added to it, under which towns see the valor, and a farther account in *Knapton*.[6]

In the 14th of *Edward* I. *John* Earl *Warren* and *Surry* was lord, and claimed free warren, assise of bread and beer, view of frank pledge, a gallows, with wreck of sea, here, and in the towns belonging to the soc of this capital lordship, which extended into the following towns: *Mondesley, Knapton, South Repps, North Repps, Sustrand, Trunch, Trimmingham*, all which used to pay suit and service to the sheriff's turn, for the King's hundred of *North Erpingham*, which the Earl had withdrawn, to the King's injury; valued at 16*s. per ann.*

John Earl *Warren* and *Surry*, in the 12th of *Edward* II. granted it to *Thomas* Earl of *Lancaster*, and his heirs, with many other lordships, reserving his own right therein for life; and on his death, in the 21st of *Edward* III. it came to *Henry* Duke of *Lancaster*. Of the Earls *Warren*, see in *Castleacre*. At this time, there was a capital messuage, a park, eleven score acres of arable land, and was held in free soccage, by the service of a bell. *Henry* Duke of *Lancaster* dying without issue male, his estate and great inheritance came to his two daughters and coheirs; *Maud*, the eldest, married *William* Duke of *Zealand*, &c. and had this lordship, in part, (assigned her) of that inheritance; she dying soon after her marriage, the whole came to *John* of *Gaunt* Duke of *Lancaster*, in right of the Lady *Blanch*, the other sister, by marriage; and from the said *John*, to his son, *Henry* IV. King of *England*, and continues at this time in the Crown, having its proper officers, a chancellor, &c. belonging to it, as part of the dutchy of *Lancaster*.

In the 2d of *Henry* V. Sir *Thomas Erpingham* had a grant, *January* 24, of 20*l. per ann.* out of this lordship.

This lordship was in the Crown in King *Charles* the First's time, and was after sold to the city of *London*, and pays a fee farm rent of 132*l.* 16*d. q. per ann.*

[6] T're. Willi. de Warrenna. —— In Gunningeham ten. Ratho lib. ho'. ii car. t're. semp. xii villi. et xi bord tc. ii serv. mo. i. tc. et p. et ii car. in dominio et mo. iii semp. iiii car. ho'm. silva ad lxxx porc. xii ac. p'ti. tc. et p. ii molin. et mo. iiii tc. ii runc. tc. xi. eque silvatrice mo. vii. mo. viii an. tc. xxx porc. mo. xl. tc. xxx. ovs. mo. clx. semp. xxx cap. et xxxvi soc. de xlviii ac. t're. semp. iii car. et dim. i ecclia xxviii ac.

To the manor-house belonged formerly a very large hall, supported by several pillars; and the custom and rule was that no tenant, socman, &c. should go beyond that pillar which was appointed for their station and degree.

The temporalities of the priory of *Bromholm* were 2*l. per ann.* and the tenths of the town, 4*l.* 2*s.* Deducted 12*s.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and is a rectory; the patronage of it was granted by *William*, the first Earl *Warren*, to the priory of *Lewes* in *Sussex*, on his foundation of it; confirmed by his son, &c.; he gave also 40*s.* of soccage rent, to the said priory, in the soke of *Gimingham*; and the monks of *Lewes* had a pension of 5 marks *per ann.* out of the rectory, confirmed to them by *John de Oxford* Bishop of *Norwich*.

The old valor was 15 marks; and the rector had, in the reign of *Edward* I. a manse, with 24 acres of land, and paid *Peter*-pence, 12*d.* In the year 1281, there was a controversy between the rector of this town, and that of *Trimingham*, about the tithe of fish in the hithe of *Trimingham* parish; the tithe of the venison in *Gimingham* park; the tithes of milk, cheese, butter, lambs, wool, pigs, calves, chickens, &c. the tithe of a place called *Aleyns*, the 3d sheaf of *Rockland*, and lands by *Crenel* fen, which was submitted to the Bishop. The present valor is 11*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.* and pays first fruits, &c.

RECTORS.

Joc. de Lund instituted about 1190, presented by the prior, &c. of *Lewes*.

1300, *Thomas de Querle*. *Ditto*.
1300, *Bartholomew de Cardewyle*. *Ditto*.
1310, *John de Dynycton*.
1320, *John Waron*, by papal provision.
Mr. *William de Walyngford*, occurs rector, in 1326.
1342, *William de Mirfeld*, by *John* Earl *Warren*.
1353, *William de Sutton*, by the prior, &c.
Henry de Hopton occurs rector, in 1376.
William Hawe, rector.
1386, *William de Fulmere*.
Walter Winter, rector.
1401, *Robert Fulbeck*.
Robert Stratton, rector.
1422, *Thomas Glyse*.
1443, *Stephen Clerk*.
1448, *Robert Reynold*.
1453, *William Reynold*.
1454, Mr. *Robert Cantell*.
John Goose, rector.
1496, Mr. *Hugh Barker*.
1531, *Richard Lache*. In the 29th of *Henry* VIII. *Robert*, prior, and the convent, conveyed this advowson to the King; and in the said year, *December* 22, he granted it to *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk*.

1564, *James Lyng*, by *Peter Rede*, Esq.
1571, *Miles Cook*, by *Ann Rede*, Gent.
1577, *John Matchet*, (by *John Duke*,) A.M.
1592, *Samuel Greenway*, by *John Duke*, Gent. of *Kelshall, Suffolk*; he certified in 1603, 35 communicants to be in this town.
1623, *Thomas Therton*, by *Robert Therton*, clerk.
1650, *Robert Therton*, by the master and fellows of *Catherine Hall, Cambridge*.
1709, *John Jeffrey*. *Ditto*.
The presentation is in that society, as also the pension abovementioned of 5 marks.
1748, *Henry Stebbing*. *Ditto*.
On a gravestone in the chancel,

Hic jacet Elizab. Berney, quanda' filia Radulfi Berney, armig. de Gunton.

In the cross isle a gravestone,

In memory of Anthony Drath, Esq. who died May 8, 1612, *and Elizabeth his wife, who died December* 20, 1589.

A marble gravestone,

In memory of Richard Browning and Margaret his wife, 1695.

Here was a chantry granted with all the lands and tenements belonging to it in this town. *Trunch* and *Paston*, to *Thomas Wodehouse* of *Waxham*, in the 2d year of King *Edward* VI.

GRESHAM.

WILLIAM EARL WARREN was lord at the survey, *Ulston*, who held it in King *Edward's* reign, being deprived; there belonged to it then 2 carucates of land, 4 villains, and 6 borderers with one servus, 2 carucates in demean, and 4 among the tenants; eleven socmen had 35 acres, a carucate and 2 acres of meadow, and a mill; it extended into *Sallows* and *Alburgh*, (see there,) and was valued at 4*l*. *per ann*. contained 9 furlongs in length, and 6 in breadth, paid 7*d*. gelt. and belonged to *Frederic's* fee, before the Earl had the grant.[7]

The ancient family of *Branche* were possessed of this lordship, in the reign of *Henry* II. *Richard*, son of *William Branche*, by deed, *sans* date, granted to the priory of *Castleacre*, the administration and disposal of the tithes which they held (by the gift of his ancestors,[8]) of the

[7] T're Willi. de Warrenna —— In Gersam ten. Willm. ii car. t're. quas tenuit Ulstanus i lib. ho. semp. iiii villi. et vi bord. et i serv. semp. ii car. in d'nio. et iiii car. hom. xi. soc. xxxv ac. et i car. ii ac. p'ti. i mol. — semp. val. iiii lib. et ht. viii qr. in longo, et vi in lato, et de gelto viid. et de feudo Frederici.

[8] Reg. Castleac. fol. 53.

demeans of this lordship, after the decease of *Simon*, his son, rector of this church, to whom *Robert*, the prior, and the convent, had let them to farm for life.

In the 18th of *Henry* III. *Peter Brauche* held it, with the manor of *Aylmerton*, by 2 fees, of the Earl *Warren*, with the advowson of those churches, and in the 27th of that King, had a charter for a mercate, fair, and free warren, in this town.

The jury, in the 3d of *Edward* I. present, that *Robert de Stuteville* had, as lord, the assise of bread and beer, &c. and *Nicholas Braunche* impleaded *Robert* for a messuage, 2 carucates of land, &c. in this town and *Aylmerton*; in the 14th of that King, in a *Quo Warranto*, brought in the said year against *Robert*, for his claim of the assise, view of frank pledge, &c. he called on *John* Earl *Warren* and *Surry* to warrant it, and the said Earl showed, that his ancestors, and they who held under him, had time immemorial enjoyed the said liberties in this town, as a member of *Castleacre*: this *Robert* died, as appears from the escheat rolls, about the 34th of *Edward* I.

In the first year of *Edward* II. *Edmund Bacon* had a grant from the King, of this lordship, and all the lands here, late *Robert de Stuteville's*, escheated to his father, and in the 12th of that King, had a patent to embattle this manor-house; *John de Catfield*, clerk, &c. in the said year, his trustee, settled it by fine, on his wife *Margery*; and *Thomas de Antingham*, with *Catherine* his wife, conveyed, in the said year, lands to him in *Gresham*, and to his heirs. This *Edmund* was a knight, son of Sir *Adam Bacon* of *Oldton*; he married first, *Joan*, and to his 2d wife, *Margery*, by whom he had 2 daughters and coheirs; *Maud*, married to *John de Berghurst*; and *Margery* to Sir *William de Molins*, who had each a moiety of this manor, on a division of it about the 35th of *Edward* III. and in the 49th of that King, *John de Carlton*, trustee, settled it on Sir *William Molyns*, and *Margery* his wife; in the 10th of *Richard* II. the said *Margery*, then a widow, possessed it; and in the said year settled it by fine, after her decease, on *Thomas de la Lynde* and his heirs, Sir *William Molyns* her son, resigning all his right therein, and Sir *John de la Vache* held it in the 3d of *Henry* IV.

Sir *John Burghersh* was lord of the other moiety, in right of his wife *Maud*, and dying in the 19th of *Richard* II. his daughter and coheir, *Maud*, brought it by marriage to *Thomas Chaucer*, Esq. son of the famous poet, Sir *Geffrey*, who in the 7th of *Henry* VI. granted it by fine, to *William Paston*, Esq. of *Paston*, afterwards Sir *William* the judge, into which family the other moiety also came; and in the year 1740, *William Paston* Earl of *Yarmouth* was lord.

About 1608, Sir *William Paston's* manor here was valued at 120*l.* 2*s.* one pound of pepper, and 12 comb of oats *per ann.* and was sold with the *Pastons* estate to Lord *Anson*.

Sir *Edmund Bacon* bore *azure*, three boars passant, *or*,—*Berghershe*, *gules*, a lion rampant with a forked tail, *or*.—*Molins*, *sable*, on a chief, *or*, three lozenges, *gules*.—*Chaucer*, per pale, *argent* and *gules*, a bend counterchanged.

The town seems to take its name from some rivulet or stream here, anciently known by the name of *Ger*, or *Gar*; thus, *Garford* in *Bucks*; *Garston* and *Garret* in *Lancashire*; *Garboldisham*, *Gerveston*, and *Gernemutha* in *Norfolk*.

Roger Bigot, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, had also a lordship

here, which *Alward* possessed in King *Edward* the First's reign, consisting of 4 socmen, who held 13 acres of land, and half a carucate with an acre of meadow, and were valued together in the 4*l.* abovementioned; of the other manor, and in the said town, a freeman had 30 acres of land, and one borderer, with half a carucate.[9]

In the 3d of *Edward* I. *Roger Bigot* held it in *capite*, and had view of frank pledge, assise, &c.; but in the 14th of the said King, declined his claim, and it seems to have been held after by the lords of the other manors.

The tenths were 2*l.* The temporalities of *Walsingham* priory, 12*d.* Of *Waborne*, 11*d.* Of *Beeston*, 9*s.*

The CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to *All-Saints*. The old valor was 7 marks, and the present is 6*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.* and is discharged.

Walter Bishop of *Norwich*, with the consent of *Peter Branch*, the patron, confirmed an agreement between the prior and convent of *Castleacre*, and the rector, whereby it was agreed that the rector and his successours should hold to farm two parts of the tithes of the demeans, late Sir *Roger Branche's*, son of *William*, at the yearly rent of 18*s. per ann.*[1] This was about 1250.

RECTORS.

In 1305, Mr. *Walter de Islep* instituted rector, presented by the King, as guardian of the lands of *John*, late Earl of *Surry*.

1312, *John de Clovyll*, by *John* Earl *Warren*.

1324, *John de Wycheford*, by *John* Earl *Warren* and *Surry*. The presentation to this church was granted to the prior and convent of the canons of the Holy Sepulchre in *Thetford*, by *John* Earl *Warren*, in 1281; and in 1339, *John Dedd* was presented by the prior and canons.

1349, *John Lovell*. *Ditto*.

1383, *John Chapman*. *Ditto*.

1388, *John Susan*. *Ditto*.

1390, *John Gungate*. *Ditto*.

1394, *John Brown*. *Ditto*.

In 1331, they had the King's license to appropriate it, but they could not obtain the consent of the Bishop of *Norwich*.

In 1339, they had the bull of *Pope Boniface*, to appropriate and take possession of it on the first vacancy, and retain all the profits of it, on condition they served it by one of their own canons, or any secular curate, removeable at pleasure, and their paying all episcopal dues whatever, but the Bishop would not agree to this, but obliged them to endow a vicarage.

1503, *John Pulter* was instituted to this vicarage, newly appointed by the prior and convent, presented by the prior, and in the said year was succeeded by *John Hauker*.

1504, *Richard Moris*, by the prior, &c.

[9] Terra Rogeri Bigoti. —— In Gresham ten. Alward. iiii soc. de xiii ac. t're. semp. dim. car. i ac. p'ti. app'tiati s't cum iiii lib. —— In eade' villa i lib. ho. de xxx ac. t're. semp. i bor. et dim. car.

[1] Reg. Castleac. fol. 128.

Alexander Bishop of *Norwich* assigned to the vicar a manse, all the altarage, tithe of hemp, wool, hay, reed and fisheries, with a certain tithe called portes; the altarage valued at 5 marks; 18 acres of land valued at 6*s.* *per ann.* and an annual pension of 7 marks to be paid by the prior and convent. How long it continued a vicarage does not appear; before the reign of *Henry* VIII. it seems to have returned to its old state, and was a rectory in the patronage of the *Pastons*, lords of the manor.

In 1603, *Henry Beane* was rector, and returned 70 communicants.

Robert Smith, died rector in 1659.

Martin Thomson, rector, and in

1678, *James Catt.*

John Croshold, on his death, 1732.

Francis Copeman, hac vice, by *John Jermy*, Esq. &c.

In the chancel on a black marble in the wall,

S. Robti. Smyth, ecclesiæ rector, honorab. Pastonorum familiæ a sacris, cui natus per Eliz. Cuddon, arm. Suff. Willielmus, S.T.P. preb. Norw. qui hoc posuit. Obiit. 9. *Nov.* 1658, *ætat.* 74.——*Orate p. a' i'a Jacobi Catt generosi.*

In a north window were the arms of *Paston*, and *Fastolf*, *Paston* and *Berry*, *Paston* and *Mautby*; also of the Lord *Matrevers* and *Daubeny*, with his crest, a plume of feathers; here was also the gild of *All-Saints.*

HANWORTH.

ROGER BIGOT, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, was lord of a manor of which *Withri*, a freeman, was deprived on the conquest; containing 4 carucates of land, eleven villains, and 30 borderers, 2 servi, 4 carucates in demean, and 5 among the tenants, pannage for 60 swine, with 6 acres of meadow, a mill, one runcus, and 14 cows, — 11 sheep, 30 goats, 7 skeps of bees; and *Roughton* was a beruite to it; 3 villains in *Aldby*, *Ingworth* and *Calthorp* belonged to it, with 3 borderers in *Alburgh*, *Susted*, and *Thurgarton*:—so that in the whole, it was worth 4*l.* at the survey 5*l.* &c. was 8 furlongs long, 5 broad, paid 9*d. ob.* gelt; *Withri* had the soc and sac; the King and the Earl, all forfeitures.[2]

King *John*, in his 5th year, granted to *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*, lord of this town, the privilege of a fair, on the vigil, the day, and the

[2] Terra Rogeri Bigoti—Hagan-Worda ten. i lib. ho. Withri T. R. E. mo. ten. R. Bigot iiii car. t're. semp. xi. vill. et xxx bord. tc. et p. ii ser. et mo. tc iiii car. in d'nio et p. ii. et mo. iii. et semp. v car. ho'm. silva ad lx porc. vi ac. p'ti. tc. et p. i mol mo. ii. tc. i runc. et mo. v. tc. xiiii an. et mo. xxiiii. tc. vii porc. et mo, xl. tc. xi ovs. mo. c. et v. tc. xxx cap. mo. xxvi. tc. vii vasa apu' et mo. viii. huic adjac. i beruita Rostuna, &c. h. tota val. T. R. E. iiii lib. p. lx so. l et mo. vi lib. et ht. viii quar. i long. et v in lat. et de gelto 9*d.* et ob. iste Withri habebat sacam et socam sup. ista' t'ram. et rex et coms. forisfacturas.

day after St. *Bartholomew*; and in the 3d of *Edward* I. *Roger* Earl of *Norfolk*, and Earl-Marshal of *England*, had the lete, the assise, and a fair; in the 14th of the said King, claimed the trial of any robber or thief, taken in this lordship with the stolen goods, and on conviction, the carrying of him prisoner to his manor of *Colby*, by *Aylesham* in *South Erpingham* hundred, and of hanging him there.

In the 33d of that King, *Simon de Hedersete* was keeper or steward of this lordship, and had the King's writ to cut down 14 oaks by *Hanworth* wood, to repair the King's house at *Burgh*, by *Aylesham*. Earl *Roger* died this year, and he was found to have had 140 acres of land, a meadow called *Barley's*, in *Aleby*, pasture, called *Bellows*, 3 water mills, one windmill, part of one in *Aleby*, and a park in this town.

King *Edward* II. in his first year, sent his writ, dated *January* 16, to Sir *Simon*, to deliver up the custody of this manor, and that of *Fornset* to *John de Thorp*, late *Roger Bigot's* Earl of *Norfolk*, deceased; witnesses, *John de Sandale, locum tenens* of the treasurer; this *John* was afterwards Bishop of *Winchester*.

This Earl, leaving no issue, had constituted King *Edward* I. his heir, to the greatest part of his estate, who granted it, with the earldom of *Norfolk*, and the marshalship of *England*, to *Thomas de Brotherton* his 5th son; though some historians say he was created Earl of *Norfolk*, by his brother-in-law, King *Edward* II.

Thomas de Brotherton left *Margaret*, a daughter and coheir, who married *John*, Lord *Segrave*, by whom he had a daughter and heir, *Margaret*, (*Elizabeth* as some say,) who brought this lordship and the inheritance of *Brotherton*, by marriage, to *John* Lord *Mowbray*. This *Margaret* was created by King *Richard* II. Dutchess of *Norfolk*, her eldest son dying *s. p. Thomas*, her 2d, Earl of *Nottingham*, and Earl-Marshal of *England*, was in the 20th of the said King, created Duke of *Norfolk*. In this family this lordship remained, till *Ann*, daughter and heir of *John Mowbray* Duke of *Norfolk*, married to *Richard* Duke of *York*, 2d son of *Edward* IV. dying without issue, Sir *John Howard*, Knt. was created Duke of *Norfolk*, and Marshal of *England*, in right of *Margaret* his mother, (daughter and coheir of *Thomas de Mowbray* Duke of *Norfolk*,) married to Sir *Robert Howard*, father of the said Sir *John*, and was lord of this manor.

In the 4th of *Henry* VII. the rent of assise was 26*l.* 2*s.* 8*d. ob. q.* customary rents and services, 15*l.* 7*s.* 6*d. ob.* rent of capons, hens, 34*s.* 10*d. ob.* the farm of *Wentland* 10*s.* 1*d. ob.* Of the demeans, mill, agistment of the park, picage of *Alburgh* fair, and *Hanworth* fair, - - - - -.

On the attainder of *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, it came to the Crown in 1572, and Queen *Elizabeth*, in her 35th year, *December* 6, demised to *John Lane of London*, Gent. the site and demeans of this lordship, the park, *Alburgh* fair, all courts belonging hereto, with messuages, houses, mills, and barley rents; *viz.* 92 quarters, 5 bushels and a peck, at the rent of 27*l.* 12*s.* 11*d. per ann.* for 21 years, which *Lane* soon after assigned it to *William Dix*, Gent.

On *Thomas Howard* Earl of *Arundel's* being restored in blood, in the first of King *James* I. he had also in the said year, *June* 17, a grant of this manor, &c.

Roger Bigot had also another lordship in this town, of the gift of the Conqueror, of which *Withri*, a freeman, as aforesaid, was deprived,

who had in the Confessor's time, 3 freemen, (but at the survey there were 5 borderers under *Roger Bigot*,) who held 60 acres of land with a carucate and an half, and 3 roods of meadow, then valued at 10*s.* but at the survey at 18*s. per ann.*[3]

This was afterwards (as I take it) called the manor of *Belhouse*. In the 9th of *Edward* II. *William Clarkson* was returned to have a lordship here, probably this.

In the 18th of *Henry* VI. *Thomas Holland*, and *Agnes* his wife, passed by fine, to *Robert Norwich*, and *William Norwich*, junior, the manor of *Belhouse* in *Hanworth*; soon after, Sir *William Phelip* Lord *Bardolf* died seized of it; and *William* Viscount *Beaumont* held it in the beginning of *Edward* the Fourth's reign. *Stephen Betrynge*, by his will, in 1490, gives it for life to *Elizabeth*, his wife, and after to *William*, his son.[4]

The CHURCH was formerly a rectory, valued at 15 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence, 10*d.* and dedicated to St. *Bartholomew*. The prior and convent of *Thetford*, had a portion of tithe in King *Edward* the First's time, valued at 3 marks *per ann.* and at that time the prior of *Hickling* held it appropriated to him with 30 acres of land, when there was a vicar who had a house, but no land; the present valor of which is 5*l.* 1*s.* 6*d.* and is discharged.

VICARS.

In 1306, *Nicholas de Causton* was presented to the vicarage by the prior of *Hickling*, and instituted.
1338, *Nicholas Belleward. Ditto.*
1349, *Robert de Alby.*
1384, *John Garel. Ditto.*
1398, *John Knot. Ditto.*
1410, *John Ryche.*
1432, *John Bateman*, canon of *Hickling*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
Edmund Worstede.
1440, *William Curteys.*
1483, *William Thyrsford.*
1493, *John Botild.*
1494, *Thomas Marys*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
In 1507, *July* 16, the Bishop united this vicarage to the priory of *Hickling*, during the life of *Robert Wyndham*, alias *Botilde*, by the prior.
1533, *Thomas Hawe.*
1555, *Thomas Conyers*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
William Gray, vicar.
1589, *Robert Roo*, by Sir *Edward Clere.*
1597, *Robert Claphamson. Ditto.*
In 1603, he returned 95 communicants.
Anthony Jermy died vicar, 1723, succeeded by
Thomas Gallant, by Sir *John Hobart*, Bart.

[3] In Haganaworda ten. Withri iii lib. ho'es. mo. R. Bigot. mo. lx ac. t're. tc. i car. et dim. et semp. iii virgas p'ti. tc. et p. val. x sol. et mo. xviii.

[4] Regist. Wolman, fol. 106.

1733, *George England*, by Lord *Hobart*.
1737, *Thomas Sayer*. *Ditto*.
1757, *John Tayleur*, (this church then consolidated to *Gunton*) by Sir *William Harbord*, Bart.
Robert Playford, buried in the church, in 1558.
On a gravestone in the church,

William Doughty, only son of William Dougthy, Esq; by Frances his 2d wife, after eleven years travel into the Barbadoes, &c. safely arrived at this his native town, and when he had with great joy seen all his friends and neighbours, took his leave, and returned to the universal place the earth, where all must rest till the sound of the trump, at the age of 42 *years, March* 8, 167⅓——*William, son of Robert Doughty, of Hanworth, Esq; and Hester his wife,* - - - - - - - -

Also on a gravestone

Orate p. a'i'ab; Johs. Bitteryng, et Marg'te uxor. ej.

In the church is St. *Mary's* and St. *Bartholomew's* light.
Haganworda is a compound; *Ha* or *A*, *Ken* or *Gan*, a name of many rivulets; as *Kenton*, *Ken-ford*; and thus *Aken*, a city in *Germany*, called now *Aix La Chapelle*; *Worth* always signifies that site, or place where two streams meet and unite.

KNAPTON

Is wrote in *Domesday Book*, *Ranapatone*, and was the lordship of *William* Earl *Warren*; a freeman, who held it in King *Edward's* time, being expelled; there then belonged to it one carucate of land, 10 villains and 5 borderers, one servus, one carucate in demean, and one among the tenants; 2 acres of meadow, and 13 socmen held 3 carucates of land, with one borderer, they made always 3 carucates and an half, there were 4 cows, &c. and it was added to *Gimmingham*, the Earl's principal lordship. *Gimmingham* was then valued at 40s. at the survey at 8*l. per ann.* *Ranapatone* was in the Confessor's time, valued at 20s. at the survey at 60s.[3] See in *Sustrand* for its measure, &c.

The ancient family of *de Plaiz* was soon after the conquest, enfeoffed of this lordship, and held it of the Earls of *Warren* and *Surry*. Sir *Hugh de Plaiz* was lord in the reign of King *Stephen*. Sir *Richard de Plaiz* died lord in the 53 of *Henry* III. and *Gyles* was found to be his son and heir, aged two years and an half, and was the King's ward.

[3] T're. Willi. de Warrenna—Ranapetone ten. i. lib. ho. i, car. t're. semp. x. vill. et v. bord. tc. i. serv. modo ii. tc. et p. i. car. in d'nio. et mo. ii. semp. i. car. hom. ii. ac. p'ti. et xiii. soc. de iii. car. t're, et i. bord. semp. iii. car. et dim. et iiii. an. et iiii. porc. et fuit lib'atu' ad perficiendu' Gimingeham, et Gimingeham tc. val. xl. sol et p. iiii. lib. mo. viii. lib.—Ranapat. val. tc. et p. xx. sol. mo lx.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the assise of bread, &c. and frank pledge, belonged to it; this *Gyles* died young, (as it seems.) About 1300, *William de Huntingfeld* was patron of this church, in right of his wife: and in 1303, the Lady *Joan*, relict of Sir *Richard de Plaiz*, presented, as appears from the Institution Books of *Norwich*.

In the 9th of *Edward* II. *Richard de Plais* held it of the Earl *Warren*, and in the 18th of that King, he and *Margaret* his wife settled it in tail; in the said year, he and *Richard* his son settled lands in *Feltwell*; and Sir *Richard de Plais* presented to this church in 1321.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *Richard de Plays* held one fee of the Earl *Warren*, and in the 26th of that King, levied a fine to *John de Plays*, his son, on his marriage with *Margaret*, his first wife, when this lordship was settled on them in tail, on paying 10*l. per ann.* to Sir *Richard* for life.

Sir *Richard* died in or about the 34th of *Edward* III. beyond sea, *Margaret*, (his wife, surviving him,) on *October* 14, in the 37th of the said King; *John de Bois*, cousin of Sir *Miles Stapleton*, and *John Charman*, parson of *Systern*, confirmed to Sir *John de Playz*, and *Joan*, his wife, and the heirs of their body, this lordship, with that of *Toftrys* in *Norfolk*, and *Chelsworth* in *Suffolk*; remainder to *Miles Stapleton*, Sir *John de Sutton*, senior of *Wivenhoe* in *Essex*, *John de Cavendish*, &c. witnesses, *Richard de Holditch*, *Thomas Haunte*, *Osbern de Moundeford*, senior, *John de Tydd*, &c. this was on his 2d marriage to *Joan*, daughter of Sir *Miles Stapleton*; Sir *John* died in 1389; his will was proved on *July* 16, in the said year, and was buried in the priory of *Bromehill*, in *Wetyng*, of which he was patron; appoints *Joan*, his wife, Sir *John de Burgh*, Sir *Richard de Sutton*, &c. executors; bequeaths to religious uses many legacies, &c. and to his wife all his wardrobe, and silver vessels, all his utensils and ornaments, belonging to his house, not before bequeathed, with all his other goods and chattels in his manors of *Knapton*, *Toftrys*, and *Chelesworth*; and to his son, Sir *Simon Howard*, all his armour and furniture of war.

Sir *John Howard* married *Margaret*, his daughter and heir, by his 2d wife, *Joan*, who inherited in her right this lordship, with that of *Wetyng* and *Toftrys*, in *Norfolk*; *Chelsworth* in *Suffolk*; *Okely-Magna*, *Hunstead*, and *Benefeld Bury* in *Essex*; and *Foulmere* in *Cambridgeshire*; and dying in 1437, *Elizabeth*, his grand daughter, by *John* his son, and *Joan* his wife, sister and heir of Sir *Richard Walton*, (which *John*, his son, died before him,) was heir to the *Plays'* estate. This *Elizabeth* married *John de Vere* Earl of *Oxford*, lord of this town, &c. in her right; he was beheaded in 1461, and she presented to this church in 1465; in the 12th of *Edward* IV. she settled this lordship, with those of *Weting*, *Chelsworth* and *Walton*-hall in *Purley*, in *Essex*, &c. on *Richard*, Duke of *Gloucester*, King *Edward* the Fourth's brother, in trust, for the use of her heirs, to preserve them in those difficult and dangerous times; but on *November* 26, in the 18 of *Edward* IV. the feoffees of the said Duke, confirmed to the dean and chapter of the collegiate church of St. *George*, at *Windsor*, this manor, with those of *Chelsworth*, and *Benefeld* hall, to endow a chantry in the said church.

John, her son, Earl of *Oxford*, was restored in blood and honour, on the accession of *Henry* VII. restored to his inheritance, and was succeeded by *John* Earl of *Oxford*, his nephew; and dying *s. p.* in

1526, his three sisters were his coheirs; *Elizabeth*, married to Sir *Anthony Wingfeld*, of *Letheringham*, in *Suffolk*; *Dorothy*, to *John Nevill* Lord *Latimer*, and *Ursula*, to Sir *Edward Knightley*; in 1529, *Ann*, Countess of *Oxford*, widow, presented to this church.

Ursula, wife of Sir *Edward Knightly*, dying without issue, the heirs of Sir *Anthony Wingfeld*, and the Lord *Nevill*, held this lordship; Sir *Robert Wingfeld*, son of Sir *Anthony*, had livery of a moiety about the first of Queen *Elizabeth*, and presented to this church, in 1564, by his assignees.

The moiety which the Lord *Latimer*, held, came to the Earl of *Exeter*, eldest son of *William Cecil* Lord *Burleigh*, by the marriage of *Dorothy*, daughter and coheir of *John* Lord *Latimer*, who died 1577, and presented to this church in 1613.

After this, in the 16 of *James* I. *Thomas Blofield*, Gent. died seized of the manor of *Knapton*, on *February* 7, in the 13th of King *Charles* I. held of the dutchy of *Lancaster*; *Thomas*, his son, died before him, leaving by *Ann*, his wife, a son, *William*, who was heir to his grandfather. This *William* sold it, or a moiety, (as I take it,) to *Bernard Hale*, S. T. P. master of St. *Peter's* college, *Cambridge*, son of *William Hale*, Esq. of King's *Walden* in *Hertfordshire*, and gave it to that college, who have a manor and patronage of the church, and died in 1663; his arms were *azure*, a bend counter-embattled, *or*. *John Fowle*, Esq. held it by lease from the college, or a moiety of the manor, and had an alternate presentation, in 1740.

The CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*, valued formerly at 18 marks; the present valor is 13*l*. 7*d*. 1*s*. and pays first fruits, &c. the *Peter*-pence were 5*d*.

It is a single pile. The roof of both church and chancel is neat, of *Irish* oak; on the wood-work, under the roof of the chancel,

Orate p. a'i'a. Johs. Smithe, in decretis baccalaurei, rectoris istius eccl'ie, qui hoc opus fabricari fecit, 1504, *cujus a'i'e*, &c.

A grave-stone,

In memory of Frances, wife of James Thompson, gent. citizen of Norwich, eldest daughter of Thomas Gill, rector of this church, who died April 29, *in the* 21 *year of her age, and in* 1701.

Orate p. a'i'a. Nich. Larke nup. vicarii de Hale, - - - qui obt. Ao. Dni. 1486.

An old tomb in an arch of the south wall.

In the church,

Orate p. a'i'a. Willi. Smith, qui obt. quinto die Januarij, 1506.—— *Orate p. a'i'a. Tho. Thanner, qui dedit ad fabricationem istius eccl'ie quadraginta marcas.*

This benefaction of 40 marks, to the building of the church, was a great sum at that time; the roof, as I have observed, is curious, and on the principals of it are many angels carved, and saints.

A grave-stone,

In memory of Richard Flight, gent. who died November 24, 1687, *in his* 29 *year.*

Orate p. a'i'ab; Rici Smith, et Alice uxoris ej. Ric. obt. 1450, *Alicia,* 1498.

Here were the guilds of St. *Peter, All-Saints,* and of our Lady, and the Plough; the lights of *Westgate,* the *Maids* light, and St. *Nicholas's.*

The chapel of *All-Saints* in this town is mentioned in 1431.

The temporalities of *Bromehill* priory were 34*s.* 3*d. q.*

RECTORS.

1303, *Robert de Elmham* instituted, presented by the Lady *Joan,* relict of Sir. *Richard de Plaiz.*

1321, *Robert de Stevington,* by Sir *Richard de Playz.*

1329, *John Attefaldgate de Hengham,* by Sir *Thomas de Burgh,* Knight.

1349, *Richard de Tachewell,* by Sir *Richard de Playz.*

1371, *William Smethe,* by Sir *John Playz.*

1392, *John de Tiringham,* by Sir *John Howard.*

1394, *Michael de Beverley,* by Sir *Richard Waldgrave.*

1410, *Thomas Clare,* S. T. P. by Sir *John Howard.*

1421, *Clement Cook. Ditto.*

1428, *John Wortham. Ditto.*

1433, *Thomas Erle. Ditto.*

1465, *Richard Chauntrey,* by *Elizabeth* Countess of *Oxford.*

1471, *John Smithe,* by *George* Archbishop of *York;* he was decret. doctor, and built the chancel.

1518, *Thomas Lawney,* by the Duke of *Norfolk.*

1529, *William Cutler,* by *Anne* Countess of *Oxford.*

1542, *Richard Pranke. Ditto.*

1548, *William Hatch. Ditto.*

1553, *Stephen Bayly. Ditto.*

1556, *Thomas Brown. Ditto.*

1564, *Richard Greene,* by the assignees of Sir *Robert Wingfeld.*

1573, *Abel Smith,* by *Thomas Green,* Gent.

1573, *William Tayler. Ditto.*

1581, *Godfrey Pendleton,* by the Queen.

1613, *Edmund Pendleton,* by the Earl of *Exeter.*

1626, *Richard Howes,* by the assigns of *Thomas Buckworth.*

Roger Loud, rector.

1661, *Robert Seppons,* by the master and fellows of St. *Peter's* college.

1683, *Thomas Gill,* by *John Worts,* Gent.

1705, *Benjamin Castell,* by the master, &c. of St. *Peter's* college.

1709, *John Seaman,* rector, by *John Fowle,* Esq. and *Mary* his wife.

Humphrey Christian, rector in 1759, presented by St. *Peter's* college, *Cambridge.*

Sir *Miles Stapleton,* &c. aliened to the chantry of *Norton Subcross,* lands, &c. here, in 17th of *Richard* II.

The town is wrote *Ranapeton* in *Domesday* Book, *Run,* or *Raven,* is the name of a river; thus *Randworth, Raveningham* in *Norfolk; Ravensworth* in *Durham; Ravensborn,* a river in *Kent,* &c.

MATLASK.

Is called in *Domesday* Book, *Matingeles* and *Matelesc*. *Alan* Earl of *Richmond* had a lordship, of which *Estan*, a freeman, was deprived, consisting of 16 acres of land, with one borderer, and 2 oxgangs or bovates of land, and was valued in *Saxthorp*, in *South Erpingham* hundred: 16 acres were claimed at the survey, by a man or tenant of the King, who challenged any of the Earl's tenants or men, (as he had the right, by verdict of the hundred, that proved it,) to try the right of it by trial ordeal, or by combat, and *Ribald* held it under Earl *Alan*.[6]

Also *Matlask* was a member of the Conqueror's manor of *Saxthorp*, which *Godric* took care of for him, and was included and valued with it, (as may be there seen) and of which Earl *Godwin*, King *Harold's* father, was deprived; this part consisted of one carucate and an half of land, 7 villains, one carucate in demean, and one among the tenants, &c. and 15 socmen held a carucate and half of land, and 2 acres of meadow; in all, there were always 4 carucates, valued with *Saxthorp* at the survey, at 10*l*. it was 3 furlongs long, and 2 broad, and paid 3*d*. gelt.[7]

In the 9th of *Richard* I. *William Fleming*, and *Maud de Bosevill* his wife, conveyed the manor of *Matelash*, by fine to *Walter de Basingham*.

Wiltiam de Valentia Earl of *Pembroke*, half brother to King *Henry* III. held it in *capite* of that King, with *Saxthorp*, in his 34th year, and was held of by him by *Walter de Mawteby*, who married *Christian*, daughter and coheir of Sir *Piers de Bassingham*; and in the 6th of *Edward* I. *William le Fleght* or *Flegg*, (probably son of Sir *John de Flegg*, who married another of Sir *Pier's* daughters,) released to *Walter de Mauteby*, by deed, inrolled in the Common Pleas in *Hillary* term, all his right in this manor, that of *Bassingham*, and *West Beckham*; and in the 15th of that King, the jury find, that the King, as lord of the hundred, used to receive 6*s*. 4*d*. lete fee, and for suit of court at *Gunegate*, out of *Matlask*, *Plumstede*, &c. which had been withdrawn for 32 years last past, by *William de Valentia*, to the loss of the King, 10*l*. but *William* proving that King *Henry* III. in his 36th year, had granted the lete, &c. to him and his heirs, it was allowed.

[6] T're Alani Comitis——In Matingeles, ten. Estan i lib. ho. erat T.R.E. xvi ac. t're. semp. i bor. et cū. ii bov. ap'tiata s. in Sastorp. Id. tenet.——In Matelesc ubi Comes Alan. ten. calu'p̄tiatr. i ho. regis xvi ac tre. offerendo judiciu. p. bellu'cont. hundr. qd. testat. eos Comiti, si quida' ho. Comitis vult probare qd. hund. veru' testat. l. judicio' l. bello. Ribald. ten.

[7] Terre Regis qua' Godric. servat.—Et i beruita Matelasc, i car. t're. et dim. sep. vii vill. et i car. in dnio. et i car. hom. silva xx porc. et xv soc. i car. t're. et dim. et ii ac. p'ti. sep. iiii car. mo. val. x lib. &c. et Matelasc ht. ii qr. in long. et ii in latit. et iii*d*. de gelto.

In the 9th of *Edward* II. *John de Mauteby* was lord, Sir *Robert* in 1347, and Sir *John* in 1369 and 1397; *Margaret*, daughter and heir of *John Mauteby*, Esq. married *John Paston*, Esq. of *Paston*, and it was settled on them and their heirs in the 20th of *Henry* VI.——*John Paston*, Esq. died seized of it in the 6th of *Edward* IV. In this family it continued in 1740, *William Paston* Earl of *Yarmouth* being lord. Of this family see in *Oxnead*.

About 1600, Sir *William Paston*'s manor here, was 15*l*. 13*s*. 0*d*. *per ann*. with 29 comb and 2 bushels of barley, 34 hens, 4 capons, and 312 eggs.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the abbot of *Bury* was found to have a lordship here, and in *Plumstede*; and in the 9th of *Edward* II. the abbot was returned to be lord; the temporalities of the Sacrist of *Bury* in 1428, were 3*s*. 6*d*.

Peter de Savoy, uncle to Queen *Eleanor*, wife of King *Henry* III. as Earl of *Rickmond*, had an interest herein, in the 50th of that King.

Temporalities of *Lewes* priory were 4*d*.

The temporalities of *Merton* priory, were 2*s*. Of *Walsingham*, 2*s*. 3*d*. Of the monks of *Thetford*, 10*d*. And the tenths of the town, 1*l*. 10*s*.

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Peter*, valued in King *Edward* the First's reign at 10 marks; the prior of *Merton* had then the patronage of it, and a portion of tithe of 2 marks *per ann*. Peterpence 4*d*. The present valor is 5*l*. and is discharged.

RECTORS.

1305, *Henry de Reding* instituted, presented by the prior of *Merton* in *Surry*.
1334, *Richard de Carleton* *Ditto*.
1341, *Nicholas de Hunworth*.
1355, *John Attewell*.
William Agell, rector.
1386, *John Donne*.
1393, *John Holbourn*.
1397, *Robert Hoo*.
1427, *James Lytelport*.
1458, *John Tropewell*.
1474, *Robert Bokenham*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1483, *Thomas Trylle*, A. M. by the Bishop, a lapse.
1525, *William Kyngesmill*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1544, *Richard Smith*.
1574, *John Brown*, by the Queen.
1601, *Thomas Settle*.
Rowland Nicholson died rector, 1715.
1715, *William Reynolds*, by the King.
1719, *Thomas Gallant*. *Ditto*.
Stanley Leaths, by the King in 1741.

Mat is an initial syllable to several towns; thus *Matsale*, *Matford* in *Devonshire*; *Materdale* in *Cumberland*; *Matlock* in *Derbyshire*, and *Matching* in *Essex*.

METTON

WAS a member or beruite to *Roger Bigot's* manor of *Felbrigg*, and as such is included in the account of that manor, in *Domesday Book*. *Metun* is there said to be 5 furlongs long, 4 furlongs and 6 perches broad, and paid *5d.* gelt.[s]

In the 8th of *Richard* I. *Alexander Poyntell*, and *Alice* his wife, passed by fine, to *Robert de Colevile*, and *Alice* his wife, the 3d part of this manor, as her jointure from her former husband, *William de Nevill*; remainder to *Alice Poyntell*, her daughter, by the said *William*.

Joan de Bovile held half a fee of *Roger Bigod* Earl of *Norfolk*, in the reign of *Edward* I. and in the 14th of *Edward* I. *Joan*, late wife of *James de Creke*, held in jointure, a messuage, 24 acres of land, 6 marks, and *5s. 4d.* rent in *Metton*, *Hanworth*, and *Susted*, with the 3d part of the advowson of this church; and 100 acres of land, 30 of wood, 50 of meadow, and pasture, with 11*6s. 4d.* rent, in *Dickingham*. In the 18th of that King, *William*, son and heir of *Sarah de Pirrow*, granted to *Robert de Swillington*, son of *Helewise de Pirrow*, 2 parts of this manor, called then *Pirrow*-Hall, and the 3d part, with the manor of *Ditchingham*, after the death of *Joan*, widow of *John de Creke*; *William de Swillington*, and *Joan de Bovile*, held 3 fees and an half in the 35th of the said King, of *Roger* Earl-Marshal of *England*. After this, it came to the *Latimers*.

In the year 1338, Sir *Thomas Latymer* presented to this church, and in 1349. Sir *Thomas Wingfeld*, and *Margery* his wife, convey in the 41st of *Edward* III. to *John Bakepool*, parson of *Badingham*, &c. this lordship and advowson, in trust, when it was settled on them for life; remainder to *Robert*, son of Sir *William Carbonell*, Knt. in tail, and was then farmed by Sir *Roger Felbrigg*, at 10*l. per ann.* payable on the gule of *August*, (*viz.* 1st,) &c. This *Margery* was daughter and heir of Sir *William Bovill*, by *Mariotta* his wife, daughter of Sir *Thomas Mosell*, and *Christian* his wife, daughter of Sir *William Latimer*, which *Christian* married to her first husband, Sir *John Carbonell*, Knt.; and *Margery* married to her 2d husband, Sir *Thomas Wingfield*.

Sir *Robert Carbonell* died lord in the 23d of *Richard* II. and *John* was found to be his son and heir; Sir *John Carbonel's* will was proved *March* 30, 1425: he was lord of this town, *Braydeston*, *Caston*, *Shipdam*, *West Tofts*, *Hapton*, *Tybenham*, *Riveshale*, and *Brisingham* in *Norfolk*;[t] of *Badingham*, *Saxham's* in *Badingham*, *Cretyng*, and *Dalinghow* in *Suffolk*, and gives this manor for life to *Margaret* his wife.

Sir *Richard Carbonel* was lord of *Metton-Pirnowhall*, in the 8th

[s] Et Metune v quar. in longo et iiii. et vi perc. in lato et de gelto v*d.*

[t] William de Bovile married Joan, a daughter of James de Creke.

[t] Reg. Hurtingo, fol. 134.

of *Henry* VI. and dying in that year, *John*, his son and heir, was aged 2 years, who dying *s. p.* Sir *Robert Wingfield* was his heir, as it is said;[2] but in 1457, *Robert Lyston*, Esq. presented as lord and heir to the *Carbonels*. In the church of *Belstead Parva*, in *Suffolk*, were the arms of *Liston*, *vert*, ten plates, 4, 3, 2, and 1, impaling *Carbonel*, *gules*, a cross, *argent*, in a bordure ingrailed, *or*. This *Robert*, by his will, dated *September* 28, 1478, of *Badingham*, Esq. gives the profits of this manor, of *Pernow*-Hall, to *Isabel* his wife, to maintain *John* his son, and to raise portions for his daughters, which was proved *January* 30, 1484.[3] *Isabel*, his wife, died seized of it in the 7th of *Henry* VII. held of the manor of *Forncet*, and *Jane*, wife of *Robert Thra*. *Elizabeth*, of *Leonard Hyde*; *Mary*, of *William London*, Esq. mayor of *Norwich*; *Thomasine*, the wife of *John Goldingham*, and *Margaret*, of *Edward Rouse*, were her daughters and coheirs. *John Goldingham*, Esq. was lord of *Belstead*, died in 1518, and was buried with *Jane*, his first, and *Thomasine*, his 2d wife, in the said church, with his arms, *argent*, a bend, wavy, *gules*, and those of *Thomasine Liston*, his wife. In the 5th of *Henry* VIII. *William Bond*, Esq. and *Elizabeth* his wife, convey the 5th part of this manor to *Roger Townsend*, Esq. and so came to *Edward Windham*, Esq. In the 29th of *Henry* VIII. Sir *Thomas Bedingfeld*, Knt. of *Oxburgh*, and *Alice* his wife, with *Firmine Rookwood*, Esq. son and heir apparent of the said *Alice*, conveyed it to *Edmund Wyndham*, Esq. of *Felbrigg*; this *Alice* was daughter of *William London*, Esq. aforesaid, and married first, *Edmund Rookwood*, Esq. of *Euston* in *Suffolk*, and to her 3d husband, the Lord *Burgh*.

In the family of the *Windhams* it still continues; *Ash Windham*, Esq. was lord in 1740; and his son and heir, *William Windham*, Esq. was lord, 1760, and died in 1761, leaving his son and heir a minor.

Bovil bore, quarterly, *or*, and *sable*. *Latimer*, *gules*, a cross patonce, *or*, with a label, *azure*.

BROMHALL MANOR.

Sir *Roger de Hales* of *Hales* Hall in *Lodne*, *Norfolk*, was lord in the first of *Edward* I. and had free warren in the 9th, held of *Roger Bigot*, the Earl-Marshal.

In the 35th of *Edward* III. Sir *John de Hales*, and *Catherine* his wife, held it; she after married *Roger de Walesham*; and in the 45th of that King, *John de Hales*, son of Sir *John*, conveyed the manor of *Bromhall* in *Metton*, to *Roger de Welesham* and his heirs.

John Sampson, in the 11th of *Henry* VI. held it (in right of his wife) of *Thomas Mowbray* Duke of *Norfolk*. It after came to the *Heydons*, and in the 35th of *Henry* VIII. *Christopher Heydon*, Esq. son and heir of Sir *John Heydon*, *Thomas Heydon*, &c. sold the manor of *Hales*-Hall, in *Metton*, with several lands, &c. to *Robert Rugge*, alderman of *Norwich*.

I find also the *Jenneys* to have an interest herein, in the reign of *Henry* VII.

Alyanore Jenney, widow of Sir *William Jenney*, by her will, made

[2] Reg. Surflete, fol. 68. [3] Reg. Caston, fol. 231.

November 24, 1494, orders masses to be sung for him; mentions her daughter *Catherine*, wife of *Richard Blomvile*, and *Robert Inglose*, Esq. her first husband; appoints her manors of *Metton* and *Rowton*, to be sold, and *John* her son, &c. executor, proved *January* 9, 1496. In the nave of St. *Margaret's*, of *Over-Westwick* church, at *Norwich*, lies a large gravestone, which had a plate of brass and inscription, of which it has been deprived, but there still remain four shields of arms: first, *ermin*, a bend, *gules*, cottised, *or*. *Jenney*, impaling, quarterly, in the first and fourth, *argent*, a cross patonce, *gules*, between four escallops, *sable*, *Sampson*, that being her maiden name, and in the 2d and 3d, a chevron, between three cinquefoils; in the 2d, *Sampson*, and the ——— chevron between three cinquefoils quarterly; in the 3d shield, ditto; the 4th, barry of six, *argent* and *azure*, on a canton of the first, five billets in saltier, *sable*, *Inglosse*. After this, *John Heydon*, Esq. of *Baconsthorpe*, was lord, and *Christopher Heydon*, Esq. with *Thomas* and *Richard Heydon*, convey the manor of *Hayles Hall* in *Metton*, in the 35th of *Henry* VIII. to *Robert Rugg*, Esq. of *Norwich*.

Thomas Rugge, Esq. was lord in the 15th of *James* I. and it was conveyed by *Rugg*, Esq. to Sir *Thomas Herne* of *Heverland*; and *Clement Herne* was lord in 1690. *Paston Herne*, Esq. was lord, and dying *s. p.* it descended to *Everard Buckworth Herne*, Esq. in 1762.

The tenths were 1*l.* 8*s.* 0*d.*

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Andrew*. *Robert de Creyk* was patron in the reign of *Edward* I. when it was valued at 10 marks, paid *Peter*-pence, 9*d.* and the rector had edifices, with 9 acres of land. The present valor is 7*l.* and is discharged.

RECTORS.

In 1338, *John Attecherch* was instituted, presented by Sir *Thomas Latymer*.

1349, *John Dorward*. *Ditto*.

1380, *Stephen Edward*, by Mr. *John de Derlyngton*, &c.

1392, *Henry Elmsale*. *Ditto*.

1399, *Robert Clere*, by the King, on account of the lands of Sir *Robert Carbonel*, Knt.

1404, *Richard Tyttyng*, by Mr. *John de Derlyngton*, &c.

1405, *John Mowe*. *Ditto*.

1418, *John Femmote*, by *John Carbonell*, and *Margery* his wife.

1428, *William Roper*, by Sir *Richard Carbonell*.

1429, *John Atte Medow*.

1457, *Stephen Heron*, by *Robert Liston*, Esq.

1504, *John Foster*, by *Andrew Sullyard*, and *Edward Rous*.

1518, *William Conam*, by Sir *Thomas Windham*.

1539, *Thomas Heyes*, by Sir *Edmund Windham*.

1559, *William Rede*. *Ditto*.

1579, *John Bartram*, by *Roger Windham*, Esq.; in 1603, he returned 39 communicants.

1721, *Robert* St. *Cleer*, by the Bishop.

1728, *Jonathan Wrench*, by *Ash Windham*, Esq.

1733, *Jonathan Wrench*, senior. *Ditto*.

1738, *Timothy Jones.* *Ash Windham*, Esq.

John Alexander, rector, 1760, presented by *William Wyndham*, Esq. consolidated to *Felbrigg*. See there.

On a large marble gravestone in the church,

Orate p. a' i' a. Robti Doughty, qui obijt 9 die Maij, 1493, *ac p. a' i'a, Matildis uxoris ejus.*

Several towns take their name from *Met:* thus, *Mettingham*, and *Metfield* in *Suffolk; Meth*, in *Devonshire; Metham* in *Yorkshire; Metheringham* in *Lincolnshire*, &c.

MUNDESLEY,

In *Domesday Book* is wrote *Muleslai*, and was the Earl *Warren's* manor; *Griketel*, a freeman, possessed it at the conquest, and had 30 acres of land, with 2 borderers, and a carucate; and the said Earl had 10 acres and a carucate of land, which 3 freemen of *Edric* held in the time of the Confessor, and was valued at 4*s*. To this there belonged a church, endowed with 12 acres.[4]

This lordship belonged to the soc or great lordship of the Earls *Warren*, (of *Gimmingham*,) and came from them to the Dukes of *Lancaster*, and so to King *Henry* IV. as Duke of *Lancaster*, and continues in the Crown at this day, as part of that dutchy, as may be seen in *Gimmingham;* wreck of sea and all royal fishes, between *Monesley*, *Beck*, and *Loodyard*, belonged to it, &c.

Here was also another lordship which *R. Malet* laid claim to: *viz.* 19 freemen; 3 of whom were only under protection or commendation; the other paid all customary dues, and lived in this town, *Trunch* and *Thorp Market*, but *William* Earl *Warren* held it.[5]

In the 14th of *Edward* I. *Agnes Spriggy* was impleaded by *Juliana*, wife of *Simon Peche*, to render to her the guardianship of the heir and lands of *William Priggy*, who held of her a messuage, 18 acres of land in *Mulesly*, by the service of 8*s*. *per ann.* and the payment of 3*s*. scutage; and in the 33d of *Edward* I. *John Spriggy*, son of *William*, held it.

Oliver le Groos, and *Roger Chartres*, granted by fine, the manor of *Munesle*, with lands in *Paston*, to *John Spriggy*, in the 9th of *Edward* II. being settled by them as trustees on the said *John*, for life; remainder to *Laurence Spriggy*, and *Margaret* his wife, in tail.

[4] T're. Willi de Warenna. —— In Muleslai ten. Griketel i lib. ho. xxx ac. tc et ii bord. sep. i car. et adhuc ten. Wills. in ead. iii lib'os ho'es. Edri. T. R. E. de x ac. t're et i car. semp. reddit. iiii sol. i ecclia de xii ac.

[5] In Muleslai et in Tru'chit calu'pniatur R. Malet et in Torp xviiii l'bos ho'es.——tres com'datione et alios de o'i consuetudine.

In the 17th of *Edward* IV. *Robert Elingham* of *North Walsham* was found to die seized of the manor of *Rishes* or *Roses*, in this town, held of the dutchy of *Lancaster*.

John Bradfield of *Burnham Thorp*, Gent. held it in the reign of King *James* I. and was father of *Edward Bradfield*, of *Mondesley*, and of *Troston* in *Suffolk*; he married ——— daughter of ——— *Coke*, of *Livermore*, in that county, by whom he had *John Bradfield*, who by *Rose*, his wife, daughter of *Edward Bromley*, of *Lynn Regis*, was father of *Edward Bradfield* of *Lynn*, living in 1721.

In this town is a little brook with a mill on it, which runs into the sea, and arises at *North Repps*; in ancient days probably called *Mul*; thus, *Mulbarton*, *Multon* or *Moulton*, *Norfolk*; *Moulford* in *Berkshire*; *Mulwith* in *Yorkshire*, and *Mully*; *Mulle* is a river in *Montgomery* in *Wales*.

The temporalities of St. *Bennet's*, of *Holm*, were 4*l*. 11*s*. *ob*.—— Of *Bromholm* priory, 14*s*. 1*d*.——*Bartholomew de Glanvill* confirmed to the monks of *Castleacre*, the gift of his father, *William de Glanvill*, of a mill in this town.[6] The tenths were 2*l*. 15*s*. Deducted 15*s*.

The church is a rectory. In the reign of *Edward* I. the rector had a competent house, with an acre, and 30 perches of ground, also 12 acres of land; it was valued at 15 marks, paid *Peter*-pence, 13*d*. The present valor is 8*l*. 9*s*. 9*d*. *ob*. and is discharged.

The CHURCH is a single pile, covered with lead, the chancel with reed; there is no steeple, but in the churchyard are 3 bells in a frame.

RECTORS.

In 1324, *Alexander de Chiqwell* instituted rector, presented by *John* Earl *Warren*.
1344, *Henry Hap*. *Ditto*.
1371, *Peter de Wele*, by *John* Duke of *Lancaster*.
1375, *John de Broghton*. *Ditto*.
1380, *John de Dalton*.
1391, *John Collis*.
1404, *John Slyngesby*, by King *Henry* IV.
1405, *William Fourbor*. *Ditto*.
William Edrington, rector.
1411, *Alane Thame*, by the King.
1426, *Thomas Molenes*, by *Henry* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, &c. feoffees of the King.
1464, *Robert Williamson*, by the King.
John Wryght, rector.
1484, *William Davies*, by the King.
1485, *Thomas Assehewe*, by the King.
1490, *William Assehewe*. *Ditto*.
1493, *John Rustell*. *Ditto*.

In 1603, Mr. *James Matchet* occurs rector, and returned 81 communicants.

[6] Regist. Castleac. fol. 61.

John Novell, 1637, rector.

John Tomison compounded for his first fruits in *April*, 1640, and ejected for his loyalty, father of Archbishop *Tenison*.

John Mountford died rector in 1721.

1721, *Edward Bilston*, by the King.

1756, *William Claggot*. *Ditto*.

Here was the guild of *All-Saints*, probably the church so dedicated.

OXSTRAND.

Was the lordship of *Berner*, captain of the cross-bowmen, of which *Eschet* was deprived, who held 2 carucates of land, 6 villains, 18 borderers and 2 servi; in his time there were also 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants, a mill, &c. 18 goats and 5 socmen, with 32 acres of land, (and the King had the soc,) also one acre and a carucate of meadow, then valued at 40*s*. it was 7 furlongs long, and four broad, paid 6*d*. 3 farthings gelt.[7]

The town takes its name from its site, on the strand by the water; that is by the sea shore, being contiguous to it. Soon after the survey, probably on the decease of *Berner*, it came to the Earl *Warren*, and was held of him by the family of *de Reymes*. *Geffrey*, son of *Herlewin*, owed 20 marks of silver, in the 5th of King *Stephen*, to have his land of *Robert de Reymes*.[8]

Agnes de Ratlesden, wife of *Adam de Ratlesden*, in the 34th of *Henry* III. impleaded *Richer de Reymes*, for a fourth part of a fee in this town, (then wrote *Overstrand*,) and in *North Repps*: *Richer* had released it to *Roger de Herleberge* for 80 marks of silver; *Roger* was called to warrant it, and a duel, or combat of trial, was fought on this account between the said *Roger*, and a freeman of *Simon*, son of *Hugh*, in the behalf and right of *Agnes*, and after that they came to an agreement.[9] This *Agnes* was daughter and coheir of *William de Reymes*; the other daughter and coheir was *Maud*, and died without issue; *William* was son of *Ralph*, who was the son of *Roger*, the son of *Richer de Reymes*, who lived in the reign of King *Stephen*.

This family seems to be descended from *Roger de Reymes*, or *Reynes*, who came into *England* with the Conqueror, and had the honour and barony of *Raines*, *Reynes*, consisting of 10 knight's fees in *Essex*, given to him.

[7] Terre Berneri Arbalist. —— In Othestranda ten. Eschet T. R. E. p. ii car. t're sep. vi villi. et xviii bor. et ii ser. tc. ii car. in d'nio. p. et mo. i. et ii car. ho'um. i mol. silv. iii pór. tc. i. r. mo. ii tc. ii. an. mo. vi. tc. iiii mo. v por. mo. xviiii ov. tc. xviii cap. et v soc. d. xxx. ii ac. t're. et Rex ht. socam. et ac. p'ti. sep. i car. tc. val. xl sol. et sep. et ht. vii qr. in longo et iiii in lato, et de gelto vid. et iii ferd.

[8] Madox Hist. of the Exchequer, p. 330.

[9] P'lita 34 Henry III. Rot 20. in Dorso.

In the 8d of *Edward* I. *Hugh de Reymes*, as lord, claimed wreck at sea, and in the 19th of that King, sold lands here; about the same time, *John de Reymes*, and *Agnes* his wife, were living, and *John* his son; in the 33d of that King, *Roger de Reymes*, and *Alice*, his wife, settled in trust a moiety of this manor. After this, *John de Reymes* was lord, and *John*, son of *John de Reymes*, presented to this church, in 1355.[1] On *May* 4, 1383, administration was granted of all the goods, &c. of Sir *John Reymes* of *Overstrand*, and of Sir *Roger* his son, knights, who died intestate, to *Bartholomew Reymes* of the said town.[2] Sir *John Reymes*, Knt. (father of *John*) is said to have married *Christian*, daughter of ——— *Jeckerson*, Esq. and *John* married *Margaret*, daughter of *Edmund Winter*, of *Berningham*, Esq. *John* was brother to Sir *Roger*, (as I conceive,) and 2d son of Sir *Roger*.

In the 10th of *Richard* II. *John Reymes*, Esq. attended *John* of *Gaunt* Duke of *Lancaster* in his expedition into *Spain*, and had the King's letters of protection, and died in the 7th of *Henry* IV. In 1443, *Roger Reymes*, Esq. presented to this church, and *William Reymes*, Esq. in 1482, who is said to have married *Emma*, daughter of *Robert Brampton of Brampton* in *Norfolk*, Esq. and was father of *Robert Reymes*, Esq. who was lord, and presented in 1492; by his will, made in 1508, he requires to be buried in this church, mentions *Oliver* and *John Reymes*, his brothers, *Jane Grave* his sister, and *Thomas Breton*, his cousin; to *Anne* his wife, this manor, and advowson, &c. "To "the intent that she find my son *Francis* at scole, and if he live to 21 "years, he to have the said manor; if he dye before or after, without "issue, then the manor to remayn to the said *Anne*, during her natu- "ral life."[3] By *Anne* his wife, he had *Francis Reymes*, Esq. who presented to this church in 1531; by his will, dated *September* 5, 1558, and proved *March* 15, 1559, he was buried in the said church; it appears that he had several sons, *Will. Robert*, *Edw.* &c appoints *Elizabeth* his wife, and his brother *Bertram Calthorp*, executors, and gives to his wife the manor of *Overstrand* for life; she was the daughter of *Gregory Davy* of *Gunthorpe*, in *Norfolk*, Gent. It is to be observed, that *Bertram Calthorp*, called brother by *Franc. Reymes* in his will, was the 15th child of *Richard Calthorp*, Esq. and *Anne* his wife, (relict of *Richard Reymes*, Esq. and mother of *Francis*,) daughter of Sir *Edmund Hastings*, and lies buried in *Antingham* church, as may be there seen; *Bertram* was a counsellor of the *Middle-Temple* in *London*.

William Reymes, Esq. son and heir of *Francis*, was lord in 1599, and 1606, and presented; he married *Mary*, daughter of ——— *Payne*, Gent. of *Itteringham*. In 1639, *John Reymes*, Esq. was lord and patron, living in 1662, and *William Reymes*, Esq. in 1670.

In a letter that I have seen of *John Reymes*, Esq. dated at *Edgfield* in *Norfolk*, *September* 27, 1660, to *Edward Pepes*, Esq. he complains that his eldest son being dead, and having sold part of the estate, and mortgaged it together, leaving a wife and 5 children to his care, had almost undone him. His son's name that died was *William Reymes*, Esq. who married *Muriel*, daughter of *Martin Sidley*, Esq. of *Stalham*, in *Norfolk*, in 1648; and in the year 1656, he brought his action

[1] In the 4th of Edward III. John de Beyto, and Alice his wife, passed by fine to Alan, son of Geffrey de Shipedene, the advowson and 6 marks rent *per ann.* with the homage of Roger de Reymes.

[2] Reg. Haydon, fol. 72.

[3] Reg. Spyltymer, fol. 106.

against *John Sidley*, Esq. son and heir of *Martin*, and brother of *Muriel*, for moneys due by marriage contract to him, on the death of *Martin*; so that *William Reymes*, Esq. who presented in 1670, was probably grandson of *John*, and son and heir of *William*, by *Muriel*, his wife, who married *Anne*, daughter of ——— ———

After this it was sold by ——— *Reymes*, Esq. to *Thomas Baxter*, (as it is said,) who gave it to his sister's son, ——— *Bodham*, and *Bodham* to his sister.

In 1714, *Nathaniel Life* was lord, and high sheriff of *Norfolk*, in 172-, he died in 1727, and left by *Mary* his wife, daughter and heir of *Philip Vincent*, Esq. of *Marlingford*, a son and 2 daughters. The patronage is in the lord of the manor.

The tenths were 2*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* Deducted 15*s.* 4*d.*

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Martin*. In the reign of *Edward* I. *Roger de Eccleburgh* was patron, when the rector had a grange with 20 acres, valued at 10 marks and an half. *Peter*-pence 22*d.* The present valor, 2*l.* 1*s.* 4*d.* and is discharged.

RECTORS.

In 1345, *Richard de Shippeden* instituted, presented by *Jeffrey Fitz-Alan de Shippeden.*

1349, *Simon Cary. Ditto.*

1355, *Thomas Goodknape*, by *John*, son of *John Reymes.*

In 1383, *Robert Madesone*, by *Simon Blickling*, citizen of *Norwich.*

In the last year of King *Richard* II. *John Reymes* aliened half an acre of land for a churchyard to bury the dead; and in the first year of *Henry* IV. a patent was granted to build thereon the parish church. This seems as if the old church had been swallowed up by the sea, otherwise the site of that and the old churchyard would have been sufficient for this little parish.

1432, *William Dolle*, by Sir *Thomas Erpingham, Stephen Clerk*, &c.

1443, *John Wyttebury*, by *Roger Reymes.*

1445, *Richard Halyday. Ditto.*

1482, *William Crowmer*, by *William Reymes*, Esq.

1483, *James Willyams. Ditto.*

1492, *Thomas Garforth*, a *Cistercian* monk, by *Robert Reymes*, Esq.

1508, *Thomas Ward*, by *Anne*, late wife of *Robert Reymes*, Esq.

1526, *Robert Stone*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1531, *Cuthbert Huddys*, by *Francis Reymes.*

1546, *John Shereborn*, by *Thomas Punder.*

1568, *William Harper*, by *Clement Comfort*, Gen.

1577, *William Fourd*, by *Clement Comfort*, in right of *Elizabeth* his wife.

1580, *Thomas Nabbs Ditto.*

1599, *John Money*, by *William Reymes*, Gent. In 1603, he returned 44 communicants.

1606, *Thomas Money. Ditto.*

1639, *Robert Springall*, by *John Reymes*, Esq.

1641, *Charles Warde. Ditto.*

1662, *Thomas Rule. Ditto.*

1670 *William Ashmore*, by *William Reymes*, Gent.
1714, *George Bearfoot*, by *Nathaniel Life*, Esq.
1748, *Samuel Johnson*, by *Cæsar Life*, a minor.

In the chancel, on a marble gravestone,

Orate p. a'i'ab; Willi. Worde et Isabelle uxoris ejus, qui obt. 8 Julij, 1455.

In the body of the church, round a large stone on a rim of brass,

Joh'is Reymes armigeri - - - - - - Dni. Regis Henrici quarti et Marg'te filie Willi. Wynter - - - - - sepulti fuer. in ao. sept. Henry 4ti.

On the screen painted,

Orate p. a'i'ab; Johs. Amy et Agnetis uxor. sue, et p. quib; teneamur.

In the north isle,

Orate p. a'ia. Robti. Reymes qui. obijt 8. Julij, 1408.

Roger Rugge of this town was here buried in 1442, *Thomas Rugge* of *North Reppes*, his executor.

In the windows were the arms of *Calthorp*, impaling quarterly, *Hastings* and *Foliot*.—*Reymes*, *sable*, a chevron between three lions rampant, *argent*; crest, a plume of feathers, out of a coronet, *or*, impaling *Winter*; also of *Felbrigg Le Gross*, *Mautby*, *Berney*, *Winter* and *Hetherset* impaled; and in a window, *Johs. Pelham miles fecit - - fenestram - - -* with these arms, *azure*, three pelicans, *argent*, vulned *gules*, the crest a peacock, proper.

PLUMSTEAD

Was the lordship of *William* Earl *Warren*, granted to him by the Conqueror, *Turold* being deprived of it, who had a freeman with a carucate and 12 acres of land, paunage for 12 swine, valued then at 10s. at the survey at 20s. *Drogo de Befrerere*, or *Drew de Bevers*, claimed the homage of this freeman, and some others in *Berningham*.[4]

The family of *de Plumstede* were enfeoffed of this lordship, under the Earls *Warren*. *William*, son of *Bartholomew de Calthorp*, conveyed, as a trustee, to *Clement de Plumstede*, and *Catherine* his wife, four messuages, a mill, 80 acres of land, 2 of meadow, 16 of heath, 40s. rent in this town, *Baconsthorp*, *Matlask* add *Hemstede*, in the 2d of *Edward* II. and *William de Plumstede*, and *Pleasance* his wife were living in the 20th of *Edward* I.[5]

[4] T're Willi. de Wareana.—In Plumestede ten. id Turoldus i. liberu' homine' de xii. ac. t're. semp. i. car. silva ad x. porc. tc. et p. x. sol. mo. xx. hos calumniatur Drogo de Befrerere p. homag. tuntu.

[5] Clement de Plumstede was living in the reign of Edward III. and married, Alice, daughter of Sir John de Repps and was father of John de Plumstede.

Sir *John de Repps*, in his will, dated in the 47 of *Edward* III. gives a legacy to *John de Plumstede*, his grandson.[6] *John Plumsted*, Esq. b his will, dated *September* 22, 1560, was buried in this church, lord also of *Nethercourt* in King's *Walden*, in *Hertfordshire*; appoints his wife *Frideswide*, executrix, and *William Nott*, his nephew, supervisor. He left 2 sons, *John* and *Thomas*, and several daughters; his will proved in 1561.

William Plumstede, Esq. was lord in the 33d of *Henry* VIII. and *Bartholomew, Plumstede*, Esq. in 1572,[7] who married (as is said) *Jane*, daughter of *R. Symonds*. *John Plumstede*, 2d son of *William Plumstede*, Esq. married *Dorothy*, daughter of *Thomas Sharnborn*, Esq. *Thomas*, the 3d son, married *Anne*, daughter of *Philip Winter*.

John Plumstede, Esq. of *Plumstede* hall, died in *June*, 1639.

After this, it came to the *Britiffs*, and *Charles Britiff*, Esq. son of —— *Britiff* of *Cley*, sold it to *John Harbord*, Esq. of *Gunton*.

LOSE-HALL.

Richer, son of *Hugh de Causton*, and *Julian* his wife, confirmed to *Thomas*, son of *William de Lose*, lands here. On the death of this *Thomas*, who died *s. p.* it came to *Claricia* his sister; and *Beatrix*, late wife of *Stephen de Causton*, in the 14th of *Edward* I. impleaded *Richard de Hemsted*; for 40 acres of land, 20 of heath, and 3*s.* 6*d.* rent in *Plumstede*, by *Baconsthorp* and *Hempstede*: *Claricia* aforesaid brought it by marriage to *Thomas, de Ubbeston*.

William de Valentia's (Earl of *Pembroke*) manor of *Matlask* extended into this town (of which see there) and the *Mautebys*, &c. held it under him, &c.

The tenths were 2*l.* 2*s.*

The Church is a rectory dedicated to St. *Michael*, and the patronage was, in the reign of *Edward* I. in the priory of *Merton*; the rector had 6 acres with a manse; the valor was 6 marks. *Peter*-pence 3*d.* and the aforesaid prior had a portion of tithe valued at 40*s.* the present valor is 5*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.* and is discharged.

RECTORS.

1320, *Thomas de Colyngham* instituted, presented by the prior, &c. of *Merton*.

1326, *Richard de Mauncestre*. *Ditto*; this *Richard* had a place in the King's Exchequer.

1335, *John de Belton*. *Ditto*.

1338, *John de Wyntringham*.

1341, *Robert de Tholouse*.

1347, *Walter de Kent*.

1360, *Thomas Fever*.

1389, *John Smith*.

[6] Regist. Byrcham, Norw.

[7] William was son and heir of Bartholomew.

1393, *William Howlyn,*
William Burgh, rector.
1440, *Clement Chevere.*
1448, *John Fulburn.*
Giles Stranbridge rector.
1450, *Philip Loy.*
1453, *Nicholas Benet.*
1459, *John Wype.*
1467, *Jeff. Mayn.*
1488, *Christopher Walton.*
1492, *William Werkworth.*
1493, Mr. *John Perkinson. Decret. Bacc.*
John Jubbe rector.
Goorge Scoley rector.
1557, *Jeffrey Turner,* by the Bishop, a lapse.
1565, *William Ampleforth,* by the Queen.
1568, *George Wekes,* by the Queen; he occurs in 1603.
Mr. *Nicholason* died rector in 1715.
Timothy Bullemer rector in 1737; on his death in
1750, *Stanley Leath,* by the King.
Patronage in the Crown.

In this church of St. *Michael* was the guild of St. *Mary* in 1435.[s]

In the chancel were the arms of *Plumstede, sable,* three chevronels, *ermin,* on the upper one three annulets of the first.

On the north side of the church a gravestone,

In memory of John Plumstede, Esq; receiver for the queen of her dutchy of Lancaster. Plumstede impaling *Gawsell,* barry of six *or* and *azure,* a canton, *ermin.* The temporalities of the priory of *Norwich,* were 8*s.* 3*d.* Of *Ely,* 22*d.* Of *Bury,* 4*s.* 11*d. ob. q.* Of *Wayborn,* 9*d.* Of *Castleacre,* 10*s.* And of *Bynham,* 3*d.* *Robert de Brueria,* of the heath of *Plumsted,* gave to this priory 2 pieces of heath ground.

Plum seems to be the name of some river; thus *Plomley* in *Cheshire, Plumton* in *Lancashire,* and *Sussex,* &c.

NORTH REPPS,

AND

SOUTH REPPS.

THE principal lordships of these towns were granted at the conquest to *William* Earl *Warren.* In *North Repps* a freeman of *Ketell* was deprived of 30 acres of land, held by 2 villains, and 5 borderers, and a carucate and 2 acres of meadow, 2 mills; to this there belonged a

[s] Reg. Surflete.

church with 18 acres of land, always valued at 10*s. per ann.* In *South Repps* and in *North Repps*, 8 freemen, 2 of them belonging to *Alwold* the abbot, 5 to *Rachon de Gimingham*, and one to *Osbert*, were deprived of two carucates, and 16 acres, valued at 40*s.* with a church, (*viz.* of *South Repps*) and 12 acres; the whole was half a leuca long, and 2 perches, and 4 furlongs and 4 feet broad, paid 6*d. ob.* and half a farthing gelt; and all this land *William* Earl *Warren* had livery of for one manor, consisting of 5 carucates of land. The said Earl had also a grant of 39 acres of land, with 2 villains, and 2 carucates with 4 borderers, which 2 freemen of *Edric* held in the reign of King *Edward*, valued at 6*s.*[9]

These lordships in North and South *Repps*, were held of the Earl *Warren*, by the ancient family of *De Repps*, in soccage, and were part of the Earl's great lordship of *Gimmingham*.

In the 34th of *Henry* III. Sir *Thomas de Repps*, Knt. was living; and in the 40th of that King, Sir *Richard de Plaiz* granted to his mother, *Alice*, then widow of *Hugh de Plaiz*, certain services with the homage of Sir *Thomas de Repps*; and in the following year, Sir *Robert*, son of *Warin de Suth Repps*, disseized *Richer*, son of *John de Thorp*, of right of common in *South Repps*, for a tenement in *Thorp Market*.

Edmund de Repps was living in the 52d of *Henry* III. *Ralph de Reppes* was bailiff of the manor of *Gimmingham*, in the 3d of *Edward* I. In the 14th of that King, *Edmund* of *North-Reppes* conveyed by fine, to *Reginald*, son of *John de North Reppes* several messuages, and parcels of land, with a mill in these towns, &c.

Laurence de Reppes was querent, and *John*, son of *Edmund de Repps*, impedient of a messuage, 50 acres of land, 5 of meadow, 15 of marsh, 50 of heath, and 40*s.* rent in North and South *Repps*, &c. settled on *Laurence* in the 30th of *Edward* I. Besides these, I find *Nicholas Repps* to have lands in right of *Avelyne* his wife, daughter of Mr. *Henry de Hemesby* of *Ingworth* in *Norfolk*, given to her by *Peter*, son and heir of *Peter de Haubois*, in *Calthorp*, which he lost by the judgment of the court of *North Erpingham* Hundred, about the 30th of *Henry* III. and *Roger de Reppes* was witness to a deed of *Thomas Bigot's* confirmation of lands to the priory of *St. Cross* of *Bungey, sans date. Roger de Reppes, Bartholomew de Runhal*, &c. gave in 1198, the rectory of *Runhale* in *Norfolk*, to the priory of *Westacre*, on condition of being partakers of the prayers of that priory, with *Mabel*, wife of *Roger*. Of most of these, the pedigree of the family that I have seen, makes no mention, but is as here follows.

[9] T're. Willi. de Warenna——In Norrepes i lib. ho. Ketelli de xxx ac. t're. semp. ii villi. et v bord. silva de v porc. semp. i car. ii ac. p'ti. ii mol. i ecclia de xviii ac. semp. val. x sol.—— In Sutreps et Norrepes vii lib. ho'es. ii Osuoldi abbs. v Rachon. de Gimingham, i Osbti. de xvi ac. et h'nt. ii car. semp. val. iiii sol. ecclia xii ac. Tot. ht. dim. leug. in longo, et ii per. et iiii qr. et iiii pedes in lato, et de gelto vi*d.* et obolu. et dim. ferding. et h. tota terra fuit liberat. W. p. i. man. v car. t're. ——In Repes ii libi. ho'es Edrici ten. xxx ac. t're. semp. ii villi. ii car. et iiii bord. semp. val. vi sol.

(1) *John*, son of Sir *Robert de Repps*, granted to *Beatrice*, his daughter, in marriage to *Nicholas*, son of *John Attelound*, lands in *South Repps*, sans date.

(2) *Laurence de Repps* died seized of *North Repps*, *Deepham*, and *Edythorp*, in 10th of *Edward* II. and held this lordship in soccage, of the Earl *Warren*, valued at *5l. per ann.* and the service of 6s. 8d.

(3) *John de Warren* Earl of *Surry* granted to *Robert de Repps*, his valet, a parcel of waste ground in this manor of *South Repps*, near the messuage of *Robert*, to enlarge it, in the 22d of *Edward* II.——*Laurence de Repps*, in the 6th of *Edward* III. passed by fine, to *Robert* and *Sibill* his wife, (daughter of *Laurence*,) and *Laurence* their son, the manor of *Helington*, in *Norfolk*. This Sir *Robert* was living in the 12th of *Edward* III.

(4) *Nicholas Repps* was living at *South Repps* in 1357.

(5) Sir *John Repps* was living in 1373.

(6) Sir *Henry Repps* married a *Fastolf*, who bore quarterly, *or* and *azure*, on a bend, *gules*, three cross crosslets, *or*.

(7) *Henry Repps* married a *Holdsith*, who bore *azure*, on a chevron *or*, three pies, proper.

(8) *Robert Repps* and *Margaret*, sold in 1419, to *John Stratton* of *London*, mercer, a manor and lands in *Weston* by *Norwich*.

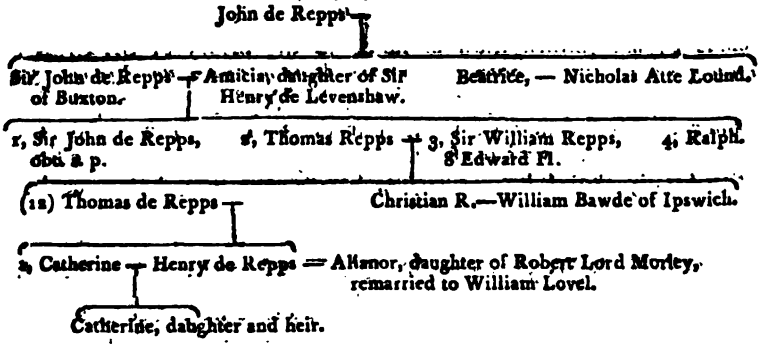
(9) *Henry Repps* called junior, in 1514.

(10) *John Repps*, Esq. lived at *West Walton*, and was buried there. See in *West Walton*.

(11) *John Repps*, Esq. had *Mateshale* estate, by his wife. This *John* had 8 sons who all died *s. p.* but *Francis*, his 5th son. Of these, &c. see in *Matsale*.

Having thus given an account of the eldest branch of the family, I shall here add that of the youngest, which descended from *John*, 2d son of Sir *Robert*, and brother of Sir *Bartholomew de Repps*.

A Pedigree of the younger Branch of the Repps.



Sir *John de Repps* made his will in the 47th year of King *Edward* III. at *Norwich*, wherein he gives to the Lady *Alice*, his daughter, the 3d part of his manor of *Thorp-Market*; and to *John de Plumsted*, his grandson, his tenements in *Shipden* and *Cromer*, with the mill, villains, &c. on condition that he made no claim to any other of his possessions; and to the daughter of *John de Plumstede*, 40s. to the

REPPS'S PEDIGREE.

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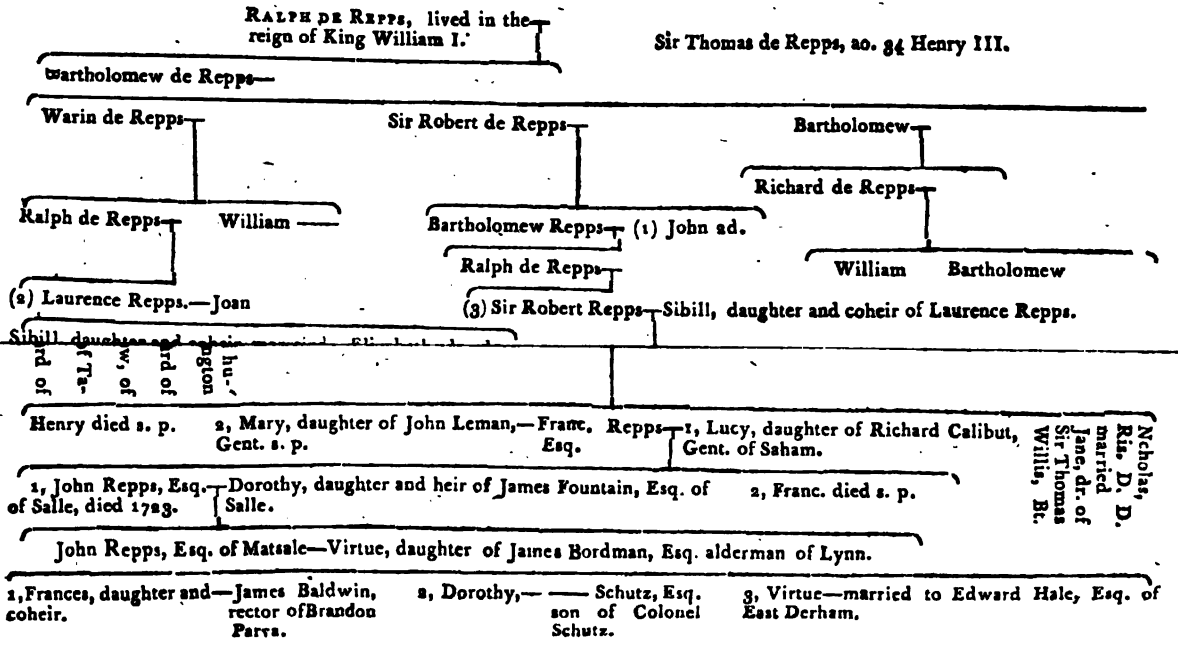


nunnery of *Brugeyrd* one of his cups; and to *John Lainey* a cup called Blakebolle, with a silver cover, that 4*l.* be laid out to pray for his soul; to *Beatrix*, his sister, 10 marks; to *Cecilia de Hedyrset* 20*s.* that on his burial there be ——— 5 tapers, and 6 torches of wax, each of the weight of 5 pound, and that 40*s.* in bread be distributed to the poor of *Norwich*, and more if necessary; that every brother of the convent of Gray Friars have 12*d.* the nunnery of *Crathouse* half a mark; the nuns at *Thetford* 20*s.* and those of *Redelingfeld* two marks.

By this it appears, that this Sir *John* died without issue male; *Alice*, his daughter, is said to have married Sir *John de Redysham*, and also *Clement de Plumstede*, *John de Plomstede* being called his *nepos* or grandson; and by *Redesham* she had a daughter and heir, *Elizabeth*, married to Sir *John Heveningham*, as appears from their pedigree. Sir *John* was buried in the priory of Gray-Friars, of *Norwich*, in 1373; he also gave 5 marks for an annual, for the soul of *Florence de Plumsted*, probably his wife; 20*s.* to *South Repps* altar; 26*s.* 8*d.* to that of St. *Olaves*. *Alice*, his daughter, relict then of Sir *Edmund de Redesham*, was one of his executors. So that this Sir *John de Repps* seems to be the eldest son of Sir *Robert de Repps*, by *Sybill* his wife, and dying without issue male, the inheritance came to *Laurence* his brother. There was also a Sir *John de Repps* who died, as by the escheat rolls, in the time of *Edward* I. and *John de Repps*, junior, his son, had an interest then in the manor of *Town-Berningham*, in right of ——— his wife, deceased, who was widow of *Curson*, lord of that manor in *Edward* the Third's reign.

(12) *Thomas de Repps* was one of the commissioners of sewers for the banks, &c. between *Wigenhale*, *Terington*, *Lenne*, and to levy money for their repair in the 2d of *Edward* III.

In the 7th of *Richard* II. *John Marshall*, and *Catherine* his wife, and *John Bures*, and *Alice* his wife, the daughters and coheirs of Sir *Richard Repps*, had each a moiety of *North Repps* manor. *Joan*, the wife of Sir *John Herling*, having her thirds herein. This *Joan* was probably the relict of Sir *Richard Repps*, and was then held of the dutchy of *Lancaster*, into which it came on the death of *John* Earl *Warren*, in the reign of *Edward* III. and in the 4th of *Henry* IV. *John de Bures*, (son and heir of *John de Bures*, and *Alice* his wife,) released all his right of his moiety to his feoffees.

John Reppys of *Heryngflete* orders his body by will, dated *September* 23, 1473, and proved in *December* following, to be buried in the chancel of *Heryngflete* St. *Margaret*: gives 2 acres of land to that church; to *John* his son, 20 marks; and 20 to his sons *Nicholas*, *William*, and *Thomas*; *Alice* his wife, to have her 3d part of the manors of *Thorp-Market* and *South Repps*, for life; remainder to *Henry* his son in tail.[s]

The manor of *North Repps* came, in the reign of *Henry* VI. to the *Heydons* of *Baconsthorp*; and *John Heydon* died possessed of it as a member of the manor of *Gimmingham*, in the 20th of *Edward* IV. and *Christopher Heydon*, Esq. conveyed this lordship, with that of *Metton*, 10 messuages, 200 acres of land, &c. and 10*l. per ann.* rent, in the 35th of *Henry* VIII. to *Robert Rugg*, Esq. alderman of *Norwich*. This *Robert* was son of *William Rugg*, Gent. of *North Repps*,

[s] Reg. Hubert, Norw. fol. 22.

who by *Agnes* his wife, had *Nicholas*, *Roger*, this *Robert*, *William Rugge*, alias *Repps*, (who was abbot of St. *Bennet's* of *Holme*, and Bishop of *Norwich*,) and *John* his sons, as appears from his will dated *June* 6, in 1511, and proved *June* 7, 1512.[2] *Robert Rugg* his son, was also alderman of *Norwich*, who purchased this lordship, had also lands and tenements in *North* and *South Repps*, *Gimmingham*, &c. by his will, dated *December* 24, 1558, and proved *June* 26, 1559, he names his 2 eldest sons, *William* and *Francis*, his executors, and *George Themilthorp*, Gent. supervisor, the husband (as I take it) of his daughter;[3] also *Robert* his son, archdeacon of *Suffolk*, and *Alice* his wife. *Robert Rugg*, alderman of *Norwich*, and lord here, married, as I take it, *Alice*, daughter of ——— *Wayte*, relict of *William Hare*, Esq. of *Beeston*.

William Rugge, Esq. was lord in 1572, and married *Thomasine*, daughter of Sir *Robert Townsend* of *Guiest*, &c. relict of *William Curson* of *Beckhall* and *Billingford*.

Thomas Rugge, Gent. in or about 1660, mortgaged it, with the manor of *Hardingham*, &c. to *Robert Clayton*, Esq. afterwards a knight, and lord mayor of *London*.

The arms of persons above-mentioned. *Repps*, who bore *ermine*, three chevronels, *sable*; crest on a ducal coronet, between two wings, a plume of feathers. *Levyshawe*, five fusils in fess, between three escallops, *Fastolf*, quarterly, *or* and *azure*, on a bend, *gules*, three cross crosslets of the first. *Grimston*, *argent*, on a fess, *sable*, three estoils, *or*. *Wotton*, *gules*, a chevron between two crosses, formy in chief, and an annulet in base, *argent*. *Woodhouse*, quarterly, in 1st and 4, *ermine*, in 2d and 3d, *azure*, a leopard's face, *or*. *Sydner*, ... a fess, nebuly between three crescents, each charged with a lis, *Holland*, per pale, indented, *or* and *gules*; in the church of *Mendham*, in *Suffolk*, *Repps* impaling *Holland* thus, was to be seen there. *Smith*, *or*, a bend, *azure*, between three trefoils, *vert*. *Everard*, *gules*, a fess, nebuly, between three estoils, *or*. *Balden*, p. fess, *gules* and *vert*, three swans, proper. *Lambert*, *argent* on a bend ingralled, *sable*, between two lions rampant, *gules*, three annulets, *or*. *Weston*, *ermine*, on a chief, *azure*, five bezants. *Rugg*, *gules*, a chevron ingrailed between three mullets, pierced, *argent*. Crest, a plume of ostrich's feathers.

The nunnery of *Brusyerd* in *Suffolk* had also a lordship in *South Repps*, which on its dissolution was granted to *Nicholas Hare*, Esq. on *March* 9, in the 30th of *Henry* VIII. and in the 33d of that King he had license to alien it to Sir *John Gresham*, with messuages, &c. in *North* and *South Repps*, *Cromer*, &c.—Sir *Richard Gresham* conveyed it *September* 7, in the 12th of King *James* I. to *Robert Blofield*. *Robert Blofield*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, sold it in the next year to *Ralph Hartstong*, Gent. Sir *Standish Harstonge*, Bart. of *Ireland*, and chief baron of the Exchequer in King *Charles* the Second's reign, possessed it, who by a daughter of *Francis Jenney* of *Gunton*, had *Francis*, his eldest son.

Ralph Hartstong died *April* 17, 1634, and left by *Thomasine* his wife, *Francis*, who married *Elizabeth*, daughter of ——— *Standish*, father of Sir *Standish*, and *John*, a bishop in *Ireland*.

[2] Reg. Johnson Norw.

[3] Reg. Colman Norw.

I find the rent of assise of this lordship to have been 17*s.* 11*d. ob.* The tenths were 7*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* Deducted 1*l.* 4*s.* 2*d.* The temporalities of *Bromholm* priory 14*s.* 11*d. ob.* of the sacrist of St. *Edmund* of *Bury*, 6*s.* 10*d. ob. q.*

The jury in the 15th of *Edward* I. present that King *Richard* I. used to receive a mark yearly out of certain tenements in *North Repps*, *Plumsted*, *Matelaske*, and *Antingham*, and the said King gave the rent to the abbey of *Bury*, to find one wax candle burning before the shrine of St. *Edmund*, and the jury testify that a wax candle was at that time there burning.

William de Scohies had at the survey a freeman of Earl *Guert*, whom *Arduin* held when Earl *Ralph* forfeited, and *Quintinus* held this of *William*, and calls on *Robert Blund*, who gave him livery; to him belonged 30 acres of land, one villain, one borderer, one acre and a carucate of meadow valued formerly at 11*s.* at the survey at 10*s.* This was after in the Earl *Warren*.[4]

North Repps CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to St. *Mary*, and was always in the patronage of the Earls *Warren* and *Surry*. In the reign of *Edward* I. the rector is said to have edifices and 4 acres of land. The valor was 30 marks. *Peter*-pence 13*d. ob.* The present valor is 18*l.* and pays first fruits, &c. In the fourth year of *Edward* II. *John de Warren* Earl of *Surry* granted a messuage, with 4 acres and an half of land, to the rector and his successours.

RECTORS.

William de Rollesby occurs rector in the 22d of *Edward* III.

1315, *William de Cusancia* instituted, presented by the Earl *Warren* and *Surry:* of the great preferment spiritual and temporal that this *William* held, see *Newcourt's* Repertor. Vol. I. p. 220.

Peter de Cusancia. Ditto.

1378, *Gregory de Stanford*, by *John* Duke of *Lancaster*. On the death of *John*, last Earl *Warren*, &c. this lordship, &c. came by his settlement to the *Lancaster* family, and so to the Crown, being part of the dutchy of *Lancaster* at this day.

1385, Mr. *William de Ashford. Ditto.*

1390, *Henry Spicer. Ditto.*

1390, *John Longeville*, by *John* King of *Castile*, &c.[5]

1395, Mr. *Thomas Bryghtwell*, S. T. P. *ditto;* he was prebend of *Holborn*, in the church of St. *Paul's*, *London*, in 1386.

1476, *Robert Aspatre*, by the Queen.

1484, *Hugh Lovered*, by the King.

1493, *Peter Greves (ditto,)* prebend of *Offley* in the church of *Litchfield.*

1519, Mr. *Thomas Gresham*, by the King, chancellor of *Litchfield*, 1535.

[4] Terra Willi. de Scohies—In Repes ten. Gert. T. R. E. i lib'u ho'em. et Arduinus ten. qu'do. Radulf. forisfecit mo. tenet Quintinus de Willo. et revocat liberate Roth. Blundu' xxx ac. t're. sep. i vill. et i bor. et i ac. p'ti et i. car. tc. val. xi sol. et mo. x.

[5] Longeville had the prebend of Axford, in the church of Sarum, and that of Bedford Major in the church of Lincoln, and died 1426.

1559, *Jeffrey Turner*, by the Queen.
1578, *Richard Blake*. *Ditto*.
1583, *William Bennet*. *Ditto*.
1588, *Libertus Alman*.

In 1603, *Andrew Carr* was rector, and returned 160 communicants.

Edward Corbet, rector, compounded for his first fruits *May* 11, 1636; the patronage is in the chancellor of the dutchy of *Lancaster*.

Richard Heyrick, son of Sir *William Heyrick*, died rector, and in 1667, warden of *Manchester* college.

Benjamin Beck, A. M. rector, and prebend of *Norwich*, 1708.
1729, *Charles Stokes*, by the King.
1736, *Thomas Wilson*. *Ditto*.

On a grave stone in the church,

Orate p. a'i'ab; Robt. Ward et Marthe, uxor. 1463.
Orate p. &c. Robt. Sley, 1482.

On the screen,

Orate p. &c. Johs. Playford, et Kather. uxor. et p. omnib; benefactorib; suis.

The town takes its name from a brook that runs here; thus *Repham* in *Norfolk*; *Repton*, and *Repington* in *Derbyshire*, &c.

The CHURCH of *South Repps* is dedicated to St. *James*, and is a rectory, and had the same patrons as *North Repps*. *John* Earl *Warren* was lord in the reign of *Edward* I. the rector had then a manse with 12 acres of land; it was valued at 24 marks, paid *Peter*-pence, 3*d*. The present valor is 16*l*. and pays first fruits, &c.

RECTORS.

In 22d of *Edward* I. *William de Rollesby* occurs rector.
1317, *John de Wyset* was instituted, presented by *John* Earl *Warren*, &c.
1323, *John de Cusancia*, by the King.
1324, *William de Cusantia*, by *John* Earl *Warren*.
Oliver de Wyset, in 1327, occurs rector.
1328, *John de Langeburgh*, by *John* Earl *Warren*.
1339, *John de Helpeston*. *Ditto*.
1377, *Adam Pope*, by *John* King of *Castile*.
1390, *William Frere*. *Ditto*.
1421, *John Holbrook*, by the King; he was master of St. *Peter's* college in *Cambridge*.
1437, *Robert Cherbury*, by *Henry* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, feoffee of King *Henry* V. deceased.
1454, *Richard Bower*, by the King.
1471, Mr. *John Talwyn*, by the Queen.
1488, *William Hales*, by *Margaret* Countess of *Richmond*.
Richard Goodman, rector.
1515, *Thomas Gresham*, by the King.
1558, *John Wilson*, by the King and Queen.

1588, *Samuel Otes:* he was chaplain to the Lord Chief Justice *Hobert*, and presented by the Queen.

Edmund Pendleton, rector in 1620.

John Dawson in 1635.

George Downham in 1638.

Ed. Broome, 1647.

Wormley Martin, junior, in 1716, on the deprivation of *W. Martin*, senior.

1756, *John Ellis*, by the King, as chancellor of the dutchy of *Lancaster.*

The temporalities of *Castleacre* priory were 15*s.* The tenths, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Deducted 1*l.* 0*s.* 0*d.*

John Herward of this town, Gent. buried here in 1524.

ROUGHTON.

Roger Bigot, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, had by a grant of the Conqueror, a lordship in this town, held by 2 freemen under *Withri*, who was expelled on the conquest; it contained 80 acres of land, &c. half an acre of meadow, valued then at 5*s.* at the survey at 10*s.* and 8*d.* and *Edric* also, (who was deprived) had a freeman with 3 acres, who could not leave it without the license of *Edric*, but these men *Robert Malet* laid claim to.

Part of this town was a beruite to *Roger Bigot's* lordship of *Hanworth*; to this there belonged 2 villains, 8 bordarers, one servus, one carucate of land in demean, and half a one among the tenants, with 3 acres of meadow.[a]

Roger de Glanville, who married *Gundreda de Warren*, relict of *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk* had an interest in this lordship in the reign of King *Henry* II. when he and his lady, *Gundreda*, on their founding the nunnery of *Bungey* in *Suffolk*, gave the patronage of this rectory to them, which was also appropriated to them; and in the first of King *John*, *Gundreda*, widow of *Roger*, demanded her dower herein of *Robert Creke*, and he called to warrant *Agnes* his wife, whose inheritance it was, she being a daughter and heiress of *Glanvile*; and in the 9th of that King, an assise was brought to find if *Roger*, brother of *Robert de Glanville*, was seized of a carucate of land here, which *William de Eggefeld* held, who called to warrant the Earl *Roger Bigot*, the capital lord.

In the 16th of *Edward* I. *Agnes*, widow of *Thomas de Grimston*;

[a] Terra Rogeri Bigoti.——In Rustuna ten. Withri T. R. E. ii lib'os ho'es. de xxx ac. t're. silva ad ii por. dim. ac. p'ti tc. et p. val. v sol. mo. x. et viii*d.* hic ten. Edricus i liberu' hoe. iii ac. q. n. pot'ant. recede sine licentia Edric. s. ho'es. Robts. Malet calumpniatur. —— Adjacet (viz. Hanworth) i beruita Rostuna i. car. t're. semp. ii vill. et viii bord. et i serv. semp. i car. in d'nio. et i car. et dim. hom. iii ac. p'ti.

held *Roughton* manor of *Robert de Valoines*, in free marriage by the 8th part of a fee, and this *Robert* was her son and heir. In the 5th of *Edward* II. Sir *Robert de Ufford*, and *Cecilia* his wife, settled it in tail on *William*, their son and heir, which *Cecilia* was daughter and heir of *Robert de Valoines*. *Cecilia*, in the 10th of *Edward* II. then a widow, by her deed, dated here on *Saturday* after the feast of St. *Botolph*, the abbot, covenants with the abbot of *Coxford*, reciting, That whereas the abbot and convent held the watermill of *Thorp Market*, with the pond, pool and causeway, situate in *Thorp* and in *Roughton*, and had by the grant of her ancestors, free augmentation of water upon her land in *Roughton*, by certain bounds on the west head of the pool and causeway, to mend the bank, paying 7*s. per ann.* as appears by a fine levied; and there being then a controversy between her and the prior, for the herbage growing on the pool, the causeway, and the fishing of the pool: she, for the soul's health of Sir *Robert*, her late husband, releases to the prior and his successors, all her right in the herbage and soil, within certain bounds then set out, saving for herself and tenants, a free way over the causeway, the herbage thereof, and liberty to make a bar, to prohibit carts going, but the prior's cart to go freely; and if the water in the pool should rise higher than it ought, her miller to have liberty to let the water out; and if her cattle went within the bounds, they were not to be impounded, but to be drove away; witnessess Sir *John de Thorp*, Sir *Richard de Weyland*, *William de Peyvere*, *John*, son of *John de Repps*, &c.

In the 16th of *Edward* II. the said lady settled it on *Edmund de Ufford*, her younger son; and Sir *Edmund de Ufford* had free warren in his demean lands here, in the 6th of *Edward* III. On the death of Sir *Edmund s. p.* it came to the Earl of *Suffolk*; *William Ufford* being lord in the 43d of that King, and leaving his 3 sisters coheirs; *Catherine*, the eldest, brought it by marriage to Sir *John Willoughby* Lord *Willoughby* of *Eresby*; *William* Lord *Willoughby* died seized of it and of *Edgfield* in *Norfolk*, in the 11th of *Henry* IV. and *Robert* was his son and heir. In this family it continued till, on the death of *William* Lord *Willoughby*, in the 18th of *Henry* VIII. it came to his daughter and heir, *Catherine*, who had livery of it, in the 26th of that King, and brought it by marriage to *Robert Bertue*, Esq. whose son, *Peregrine*, on the death of his mother, had summons to parliament, as Lord *Willoughby* of *Eresby*. Of these lords see in *Edgfield*.

After this, *Richard Stubbs* is said to have held it.

In the 16th of *James* I. *Robert Claphamson* had a *præcipe* to deliver the manor of *Roughton* to *Henry Faucet*, Gent. and *John Faucet* was found to die seized of it, *October* 10, 1625; he had by *Jane*, his wife, a son and heir, *William*, who died a minor in the following year, so that his 2 sisters, *Anne* and *Elizabeth*, were his heirs, who both died *s. p.* about 1633.

Giles Tenant, counsellor at law, was lord in 1694; and *James Tenant* sold it to Mr. *Richard Kett*, wool-comber of *Norwich*, a Quaker, in which family it continues.

HALES HALL.

Sir Roger de Hales held here and in *Metton*, one fee of the Earl of *Norfolk*, in the first of *Edward* I. and Sir *John de Hales* was lord in the reign of *Edward* III.

John Sampson held it in right of his wife, in the 11th of *Henry* VI. *Elianore Jenney*, widow of Sir *William Jenney*, daughter of *Sampson*, died possessed of it in 1494. After that it was sold to the *Heydons*, and *Christopher Heydon*, Esq. in the 35th of *Henry* VIII. conveyed it to *Robert Rugg*, Esq. from them it came to ——— *Herne*, of *Heverland*, and *Clement Herne* was lord in 1690.

The tenths were 3*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. Deducted 6*s*. 8*d*.

Besides the lordships abovementioned, *Robert* Earl of *Morton*, brother to the Conqueror by the mother's side, and made Earl of *Cornwall* by him, had the grant of a lordship here, of which *Ulnoth*, a younger son of Earl *Goodwin*, and brother to King *Harold*, was deprived; consisting of a carucate of land, 2 villains, and the moiety of another, and 5 bordarers, one carucate in demean, with one and an half among the tenants, &c. 2 acres of meadow, a mill, &c. 20 sheep and 12 goats, always valued at 20*s*. it was 9 furlongs long, and 5 broad, and paid 10*d*.½. gelt.[7]

The said Earl had only another manor in this county, *Clare* in *Tunsted*-hundred. His son *William*, rebelling against King *Henry* I. was deprived of these and his Earldom; and this lordship (as I take it) was then granted to *Roger Bigot*, ancestor to the Earls of *Norfolk*, and so united, as it seems, to the other lordships.

Pauline Peyvere, one of the King's justices, was lord of a manor in this town, *ao*. 33 *Henry* III. and that family had an interest here in the reign of *Edward* II. See in *Thorp Market*.

The Church of *Roughton* was a rectory, valued at 18 marks, which being granted to the nunnery of *Bungey* by *Roger de Glanville* and the Lady *Gundreda* his wife, it was appropriated to that convent; the said convent was found to hold it, and to be patrons of the vicarage which was founded on the appropriation of it, in the reign of King *Edward* I. when the vicar had a manse with 24 acres of land; the impropriate rectory had also a manse, but no lands, the vicarage being then valued at 2 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence, 9*d*. The present valor of the vicarage is 6*l*. The church is dedicated to St. *Mary*.

VICARS.

1320, *Adam Wombe* instituted vicar, presented by the prioress and convent of *Bungeye*.

1329, *Nicholas de Banyngham*. *Ditto*.

1333, *Richard Hermer*. *Ditto*.

[7] Tere Comitis R. de Mauritanio.—In Rustuna ten. Ulnoth T. R. E. i car. t're. sep. ii vill. et dim. et v bor. et i car. in d'nio. et i car. et dim. hou'. silva viii porc. et ii ac. p'ti. sep. i mol. tc. i. r. et mo. et iii an. tc. v porc. et mo. xx ov. et xii cap. sep. val. xx sol. et ht. ix quar. in long. et x in lato. et x*d*. et obolu'. in gelto.

1334, Mr. *John de Roughton*, by the prioress, &c.
1345, *Richard Wade.*
1349, *John le Deen.*
1349, *Thomas Godknap. Ditto.*
1355, *Simon Cary. Ditto.*
1379, *Henry Barfoot, Ditto.*
1381, *John Swetman.*
1385, *William Atte Chirch.*
1399, *Robert Tulby.*
Richard, son of *Walter Parson* of *Walpole*, rector.
1402, *John Dynnington.*
1408, *Richard Joseph.*
1409, *Thomas Hogun.*
1410, *John Knot.*
1420, *John Pyttock.*
1422, *Thomas Pope.*
1430, *Thomas Eglesden.*
1434, *Nicholas Man.*
1438, *Walter Wellys.*
1438, *William Barber.*
1443, *John Borell.*
1446, *William Barbour.*
1472, *John Cantall*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1476, *Henry Lucas.*
1485, *John Bishop,*
1490, *Richard Mooke.*
1508, *Roger Dawson.*
1540, *William Mepall*, by *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk*; on *December* 28, in the 29th of *Henry* VIII. this Duke had a grant of this impropriate rectory, and the patronage of the vicarage from the King, with all the manors, tenements, and lands in the county of *Norfolk*, belonging to the priory of *Bungey*, and the advowson of the church of *Redenhale.*
Pagwine Browne.
1570, *Edward Read*, by *Edward Clere*, Esq.
1580, *James Person*, by *Lancelot Brown*, M. D.
1584, *Bernard Hargar*, by *Philip* Earl of *Arundel*; in 1603, he returned 94 communicants.
1603, *William Fleming.*
Michael Frere, died rector, 1719. presented by the Bishop of *Ely.*
1719, *Joseph Hogun*, by the Bishop of *Ely.*
1746, *Edward Hawkins. Ditto.*
1747, *Allen Aldhouse. Ditto.*
In the church,

Hic jacet corpus Jac. Tenant gen. filij Johs. Tenant de Nealsing in com. Eborac. gen. qui obt. Feb. 9, 1668, *ao. ætat.* 71.—*Hic jacet corpus Janæ uxor. Jaci. Tenant. filiæ Rob. Faldo de Northmins in com. Hertf. quæ obt.* 4 *Nov.* 1678, *ao. ætat.* 76.

William Hogan buried here in 1551.
Here were the guilds of *All-Saints* and the *Holy Ghost.*

RUNTON.

ROGER BIGOT had, at the conquest, livery of a freeman, with 30 acres of land, who held it under bond in King *Edward's* reign: at the survey, 2 freemen, 5 villains, and 2 borderers, and one carucate of land belonged to it, and an acre of meadow, paunage for 4 swine; valued in King *Edward's* time, &c. at 8*s.* and had been after let at 20*s.* but it could not be paid; so that at the survey it was let at 15*s. per ann.*[s]

FELBRIGG'S-MANOR.

In the 4th of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *Mary de Merlai*, petent in dower, and *Richard de Felbrigg* tenant, of the 3d part of 2 carucates of land in *Felbrig*, and 40*s.* in land in this town, with which *William de Felbrigg*, (son and heir of *Richard*,) late husband of the said *Mary*, endowed her, with the consent of his father; and *Richard* grants the rents and services of several persons, and 18 acres of land in *Runton*, which *Jeffrey le Neve* held, together with the said *Jeffrey*, and his posterity, to *Mary* and her heirs for ever, paying a rent; and she released all her right in the residue of the inheritance. In the 24th of *Henry* III. *Nigel de London*, and *Clementia* his wife, convey to *John de Merlai* the 5th part of the advowson of the church of *Runton*, and lands there, to be held of *Nigel* and *Clementia*, and her heirs.

On the death of *Richard de Felbrigg*, his inheritance came to his daughter and heir, *Maud*, who married Sir *Simon le Bigot*, 3d son of *Hugh Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*; and in the 56th of *Henry* III. it was agreed between the said *Maud*, and her son *Roger*, and *Roger* the prior of *Beeston*, that the prior and they should present alternately to this church.

In this family it continued till the death of Sir *Simon Felbrigg*, in 1443; after this, it was sold by *Tho.* Lord *Scales*, one of his trustees, to *John Wymondham*, Esq. as may be seen in *Felbrigg*, and it remains in the descendants of the said *John*; *Ash Wymondham*, Esq. being late lord in 1740, and patron, as was his son, *William Wymondham*, Esq. who died in 1761, leaving his son and heir a minor.

BEESTON-PRIORY MANOR.

Of this priory and its foundation see at large in *Beeston-Regis*. In the

[s] Terrra Rogeri Bigoti——In Runetuna i lib'um. ho'em. tenuit. Bundo T. R. E. de xxx ac. t're. lib'atus fuit p. uno lib'o. s; mo. tenent ii lib. v villi. et ii bor. semp. i car. silv. ad iiii por. i ac. p'ti. tc. et p. val. viii sol. fuit. p. xx sol s; n. potuit redde. et ideo e. mo. p. xv.

15th of *Edward* I. the prior claimed wreck at sea, on his lands in this town, assise of bread and beer, view of frank pledge, which he held of the Earls of *Norfolk*.

At the Dissolution it was granted by King *Henry* VIII. in his 37th year, to Sir *Edmund Wyndham*, and so was united to the manor of *Felbrigg*. Their temporalities here in 1428, were valued at 5*l*. 4*s*. 1*d*. *ob*. *q*.

Pauline Peyvere had also a small fee or lordship in the reign of *Henry* III. and *William* his son claimed, in the 3d of *Edward* I. assise of bread and beer, and other liberties, as in his manor of *Thorp Market*. This afterwards was given to the priory of *Beeston*, and so came to the *Windhams* on its dissolution, and was held of the Earls of *Norfolk*.

William de Scohies, or *Escois* had a lordship which *Ingulf* held under him at the survey, of which *Turkel*, lord in the Confessor's time, had been deprived, consisting of a carucate of land, 10 borderers, one carucate in demean, and one among the tenants, &c. 60 sheep, and 5 socmen had 15 acres of land, with half a carucate, then valued at 20*s*. at the survey at 40*s*. and a church with 6 acres, all measured in *Beeston*.[9]

The ancient family of *De Norfolk* was enfeoffed of this; *Gilbert de Norfolk*, the last of the family, died possessed of it, and left 5 daughters and coheirs. (as may be seen in *Beeeston-Regis,)* who inherited it.

It after came in part, by one of these daughters, to *Roger de Felbrigg*, and so to *Richard de Felbrigg* and *William* his son, who dying *sans* issue, *Maud*, his sister, brought it by marriage to Sir *Simon Le Bigot*, whose heirs changed their name to *Felbrigg*, and on Sir *Simon de Felbrigg's* death, came, as is above observed, to *John Wymondham;* and in 1740, his immediate descendant, *Ash Windham*, Esq. was lord, and his son, *William*, died seized of it 1761, &c.

Hugh de Montfort had also a lordship, of which *Bond*, a freeman, was deprived:[1] there belonged to it a carucate of land and 12 borderers, a carucate in demean, and half a one among the tenants, with one acre and an half of meadow, one runcus, 5 cows, &c. 20 sheep, and 8 socmen, with 24 acres of land, and a carucate, valued at 20*s*. at the survey at 30*s*.

In the 9th of King *John*, *Hubert de Burgh* purchased of *Roger de Burnham*, and *Julian*, his wife, *William de Noiers*, *Robert Fitz Ralph*, and *Alice* his wife, and *Robert de Utlagh*, their several nine parts of two knights fees in *Runton*, and *Beeston*, and *Hindringham*, for which they paid castle guard to *Dover*.

Robert de Vere Earl of *Oxford* possessed it in the 3d of *Edward* I. and had wreck at sea, &c. who with *Alice* his wife, gave it in the 18th of that King, with the advowson of the church, to *William*, son and heir apparent of *John* Earl *Warren*, on his marriage with *Joan*, their daughter; and in the 9th of *Edward* II. the Earl *Warren*, was lord. See in *Beeston*.

[9] Terra Willi de Scohies——In Runetune tenet ide' i car. t're. sep. x bor. et i car. in d'nio. et i car. ho'um. silv. ad x por. mo. vii. por. mo. lx. ovs. et v soc de xv ac. t're. sep. dim. car. tc. val. xx sol. mo. xl. i ecclia vi ac. et s. m'sura in Besetuna.

[1] Terra Hug. de Monteforti. ——In Rugutune ten. ide' Hugo q. ten. Bundo i lib. ho. T. R. E. i car. t're. sep. xii bor. sep. i car. in d'nio et dim. car. hou' silva ad xii por. i ac. et dim. p'ti. sep. i. r. tc. v aul. et mo. iii. tc. v por. mo. vii. tc. xx ovs. mo. xv. et vili soc. de xxiiii ac. t're. sep. i car. tc. et p. val. xx sol mo. xxx.

The tenths were 3*l.* 6*s.* 2*d.* Deducted 10*s.*

The temporalities of *Coxford* priory were 10*s.* Of *Bromholm*, 3*s.* 7*d.* and of *Beeston*, 5*l.* 4*s.* 1*d. ob. q.* The town is called *Runton* by the sea, and *East Runton*.

Run is the name of a river; thus, *Runwell* in *Essex*; *Runwick* in *Gloucestershire*; *Runham* and *Runhall* in *Norfolk*.

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated, as said, to the *Trinity*. Ancient valor 26 marks. *Peter*-pence 6*d.* In the reign of King *Edward* the rector had a manse with 22 acres of land; and the prior of *Bromholm* a portion of tithe valued at 2 marks. The present valor is 10*l.* and is discharged.

RECTORS.

In 1300, *Robert Bigod* instituted rector, presented by the prior of *Beeston*.

1312, *John de Wy*, by *Simon Felbrigg*.

1325, *Nicholas Mareys*, by the prior; the prior and the lord of *Felbrigg* presented alternately.

1376, *Robert Stulle*, by the prior.

Thomas Makk, rector, 1428.

William Fleming, rector.

John Firmery, rector, succeeded about 1590.

William Clapham, rector in 1603, returned 153 communicants.

Roger Flynt, died rector, 1675; see *Blomfield's* History of *Norfolk*, vol. iv.

Thomas Smith, occurs rector, 1683.

James Banfield, rector, died 1748; and

Ellis Bullemer was presented by *Ash Windham*, Esq.

1746, *John Ellis*. *Ditto*.

The church has a nave and 2 isles, covered with lead, and a chancel tiled. In the church the arms of *Felbrigg*; *Albiny* Earl of *Arundel*, and *Walcot*.

SHERINGHAM.

SEIAR BAR was lord of this village at the conquest, who being deprived, it was granted by King *William* I. to *William de Scohies*, or *Escois*, a *Norman* lord, who held it at the survey with 3 carucates of land, 10 villains, 12 borderers, 6 servi, 3 carucates in demean, and 4 amongst the tenants, paunage for 160 swine, and 4 acres of meadow, one runcus, 2 cows, 60 goats; and one socman had 12 acres of land, always valued at 4*l. per ann.* with a church endowed with 15 acres

valued at 3*l*. It was one leuca or league long, and one broad, and paid eleven-pence ½. gelt.[2]

William de Scohies conveyed it to *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Bucks*, who on his founding the abbey of *Notley*, in that county, gave the church here to it, on the death of his son, Earl *Walter* the second, who died *sans* issue; King *Henry* II. granted this town in his 2d year, as an escheat, to *Richard de Humet*, or *Humee*, with the lordship of *Stamford* in *Lincolnshire*. *Richard* was that King's constable of *Normandy*, co-founder of *Aulnay* abbey there; in 9th of that King, one of the pledges in a 100 marks, on a league between the King and *Theodorick* Earl of *Flanders*. In 1164, he entered into *Bretagne* in *France*, took several places, and is called by *Lobineaux* in his History, Earl of *Humiers*.[3] By *Agnes* his wife, daughter and heir of *Jordan de Say*, he left *William* his son and heir, and in 1181, died a monk of *Aulnay*.

The said King by patent, *sans* date, granted to *William* his son, the aforesaid constableship, with that of *Stamford*, those of *Keton*, and *Dudington* in *Northamptonshire*; *Wadon*, *Wichendon*, and *Risingburgh* in *Bucks*; witnesses, *R. Bishop* of *Winchester*, *H. Bishop* of *Baieux*, *Nichol* the chaplain, *Walter Fitz-Robert*, *Ralph de Glanvil*, *Hugh de Cressi*, &c. dated at *Caen* in *Normandy*.

King *Richard* I. confirmed it to him by patent, dated *June* 21, in his first year;—witnesses, *Godfrey* Bishop of *Winchester*, *Hugh* Bishop of *Chester*, *William Fitz-Ralph*, seneschall of *Normandy*, *Pagan de Rochester*, seneschall of *Anjou*, &c. dated at *Tours*, under the hand of *John de Alencon*, archdeacon of *Lysieaux*, the King's vice chamberlain.

In the 7th of King *John*, this lordship descended to *John de Humet*, who then gave the King 100*l*. and a palfrey, to have seizin of his lands in *England*, which the King had taken into his hands, by reason of the war in *Normandy*.

In the 7th year of King *Henry* III. a writ was sent by the King to the sheriff of *Norfolk*, to give possession to *Richard de Grey* of *Codnor* in *Derbyshire*, and *Lucia* his wife, of all the lands which *John de Humet* her father (whose heir she was) held in *capite*; and that if he had seized any land after the death of *John*, he would restore it; and likewise to enquire diligently by lawful men of the county, what land the said *John* held in *capite*, in his bailywick, &c. and to return the inquisition to *Hubert de Burgo*, chief justice of *England*, under his own seal, and the seals of the jurors; witness, the King, at *Woodstock*, *March* 18. This seems, as if at this time there was no officer, as feodary or escheator in any county; but that the King's chief justice had the jurisdiction over the King's wards, perhaps with the barons of the Exchequer, and the sheriff of the county, who acted in this affair, and had the custody of the lands. This *Richard* had a charter for free warren, of a weekly mercate on *Thursday*, and of a fair for 2 days on the eve and the feast of the Ascension; also at *Thurrock* in *Essex*, and

[2] Terra Willi de Scohies.——Silingeham ten. Seiardus Bar T. R. E. iii car. tre sep. x villi. et xii bor. tc. vi. ser. p. et mo. v. tc. iii car. in d'nio. p. et mo. ii. tc. iiii car. ho'um. p. et mo. ii. tc. silv. ad clx por. mo. ad c. iiii ac. p'ti. sep. i. r. et ii an. tc. v por. mo. xv. tc. lx cap. mo. l. et i soc. de xii ac. tre. semp. val. iiii lib. i eccla. xv ac. et val. iiii sol. et ht. i leug. in long. et i in lato, et de gelto xi*d*. et obolu'.

[3] Neustria Pia, 758.—Lobineau, vol. i. p. 154.

Elesford in *Kent*, in the 23d of *Henry* III.[4] The jury, in the 56 of that King, find *John de Grey* to die possessed of it, being part of the barony of *Gifford*, and held of the King's manor of *Aylesham*, by the payment of 12*d. per ann.* on the gule (1st) of *August*, and that *Henry* was his son and heir, who in the 18th of *Edward* I. recovered damages (and the King his forfeitures) against *William de Waborne*, for taking 3 hares in his lordship of *Sheringham*; he was found to die lord in the 2d of *Edward* II. and by his will, made in the foregoing year, was buried in the *Carmelite Friars* church of *Elesham* in *Kent*: he ordered his horse to go before his herse:[5] gives to those friars 40*l.* his cross to *Richard*, and his diamond to *Nicholas*, his sons; legacies to the cathedrals of *Lincoln* and *Litchfield*, and to several convents; this manor then valued at 26*l. per ann.* and the lord claimed wreck at sea, a gallows, &c.

Richard de Grey was lord in the 4th of *Edward* III. and had a charter for a fair on the eve and the feast of St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*, and a mercate on *Thursday*; and in the 13th of that King, Sir *John de Grey*, son of *Richard*, conveyed it to Sir *Richard Willoughby*, of *Wollaton* in *Nottinghamshire*, who married *Joan*, his sister; and Sir *Richard* died seized of it in the 36th of the said reign.

How this after passed I have not found; probably it came to the family of *Basset*, who had anciently an interest in the town; *Philip Basset* had a charter of free warren in the 37th of *Henry* III. and in the 44th of that King it was found that he and *Richard de Grey*, had several liberties in *Sheringham*. In the *Bassets* it continued till issue male failing in *Ralph* Lord *Basset* of *Drayton*; in the reign of *Richard* II. it came to the *Staffords* Earls of *Stafford*, in right of *Margaret*, daughter of *Ralph* Lord *Basset*, who married *Edmund de Stafford*, in the reign of *Edward* I.

Edmund Earl of *Stafford*, who was slain at the battle of *Shrewsbury*, in the 4th *Henry* IV. possessed it, and in this family this lordship continued till by the attainder of *Edward Stafford* Duke of *Bucks*, it escheated to King *Henry* VIII. and was granted by him to *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk*. In the 14th of that King it was valued at 32*l.* 4*s.* 9*d. per ann.* and there was a custom that the lord was to have the best turbut that was taken out of every fishing boat here, and every stranger's boat that came to *Sheringham* hithe, paid 4*d.*

On the attainder of *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, in 1572, it came again to the Crown, and was regranted to the said family by King *James* I. and *Henry* Duke of *Norfolk* is said to have conveyed it in 1694 to ——— *Seaman* of *Norwich*. Mr. *Flower* of *Sheringham* is the present lord.

Here were 3 lordships in this town; that of *Sheringham*, the principal one, has the lete, and is possessed by Mr. *Cook Flower*. *Nutley-Hall* belongs to Mr. *Thomas Windham* of *Cromer*, and *Beeston* priory manor to the *Windhams* of *Felbrigg*. See in *Beeston* priory.

The town is divided into *Upper Sheringham* and *Lower Sheringham*, alias *Sheringham-Hithe*, as lying by the sea shore.

The tenths were 3*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.*

[4] In the 14th of Henry III. he was pardoned by the King 13 marks, due for the lands, late John de Humet's; 66 marks due as heir to his father, Henry de Grey; also 17*l.* 10*s.* arrears, due for the castle of Dunster, and the King's forest of Chipenham, late in his keeping.

[5] This horse was for a mortuary.

The CHURCH was a rectory dedicated to *All-Saints*; it had a manse and 16 acres of land valued at 27 marks, and was appropriated to the abbey of *Nutley*, in *Buckinghamshire*, by *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Bucks*, lord of the town, and founder of that abbey, and paid *Peter-pence*, 12*d*. it was served by a canon of *Nutley* or some stipendiary curate, and so continues to be a curacy at this time. The church is a regular pile, having a nave, 2 isles, and a chancel covered with lead.

On a gravestone in the chancel,

Hic includit corpus D'ni. Walteri Marlow cononici de Nottley, quondā rectoris de Sheringham, M. CCCC. LVII.

In the nave,

Here lyeth Thomas Heath, son of Mr. William Heath of Norwich, wool-chapman, who was robbed, and murdered the 4th day of Febr. 1635.

A gravestone,

For Elizabeth, wife of John Fenn, who died April 15, 1741, *aged* 48; with the arms of *Fenn; argent*, on a fess *azure*, three escallops of the first, in a bordure ingrailed of the second.

In the church were the arms of *Stafford*, impaling *Thomas* of *Woodstock* Duke of *Gloucester*, and those of *Reymes*; also *Rookwood*, *argent*, six chessrooks *sable*.

On the dissolution of *Nutley* abbey, the appropriated rectory was granted in the 34th of *Henry* VIII. to the dean and chapter of *Christ* college, *Oxford*, but was revoked, and again in the Crown; *Francis Guybon*, junior, Gent. *Alice Stubs*, daughter of *Richard Stubs*, and *Henry Yelverton*, son of *William Yelverton*, Esq. had a lease of it from Queen *Elizabeth*, in her 39th year; and before this, in the 14th of that Queen, *John Mershe* and *Franc. Grencham*: in 1603, there were 220 communicants in the parish.

Here were guilds of St. *John Baptist*, St. *Nicholas*, and *All-Saints*; in the lower town or hithe was a chapel dedicated to St. *Nicholas*, part of it is still standing.

Thomas Thompson, bailiff of Great *Yarmouth*, gave 20*s. per ann.* for 2 sermons to be preached here; and *John Cook*, fish-monger of *London*, was a benefactor to the poor.

The rectory is now in the see of *Ely*, (the Bishop has the nomination of the curate,) and is held by Mr. *Windham* of *Cromer*, of the Bishop.

The prior of *Wayborn* had a lordship here in 1428, then valued at 2*l*. 6*s*. 1*d*. *per ann.* which at the Dissolution was granted to *John Heydon*, Esq. &c, as in *Beeston*.

Here was a cell for some time of *Black canons*, belonging to *Nutley* abbey; mentioned is made of them in 1256.

SUFFIELD.

Roger Bigot, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, had a grant from the Conqueror of 2 carucates of land, held by four freemen, one of them held of *Withri*, another of King *Edward*, the other two of *Harold*; there were also 10 villains and eleven borderers, with 4 carucates in demean, and 3 among the tenants, &c. 4 acres of meadow, and 2 mills, valued then at 4*l.* at the survey at 6*l.* 15*s.*; it was 8 furlongs long, and 5 broad, and paid 13*d. ob.* gelt.[6]

In the *Bigots* Earls of *Norfolk* it continued, and *Roger Bigot*, Earl, dying without issue, it came by his grant to the Crown, and so to *Thomas de Brotherton*, a son of King *Edward* I. created Earl of *Norfolk*; from him to the *Mowbrays*, and the *Howards* Dukes of *Norfolk*. In the 26th of *Henry* VIII. *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk* was lord when the rent of assise was 16*l.* 10*s.* 3*d.* customary works and rents, with hens, capons, &c. 22*l* 4*d. ob.* new rents 3*l.* 9*d.*; farm of the demean lands, 8*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.* of the paddock, windmill and fishery, 66*s.* 8*d.* sale of grain 16*l.* 6*d.* &c. On the attainder of the Duke of *Norfolk*, in 1572, it escheated to the Crown, but King *James* I. regranted it to the said family, and was sold about 1690, by *Henry* Duke of *Norfolk*. Sir *William Morden Harbord*, Bart. is the present lord.

Alan Earl of *Richmond* had a grant of half a carucate of land, held by *Gun*, a freeman of *Ralph Storle*, in King *Edward's* reign; to this there belonged 4 borderers, half a carucate in demean, with half a carucate among the tenants, and half an acre of meadow.[7]

Sir *Hugh de Cayly* held in the reign of *Henry* III. a quarter of a fee of the honour of *Richmond*; and in the 14th of *Edward* I. a fine was levied between *John*, son of *Hugh de Caleye*, querent, *Will. de Ormesby* and *Agnes* his wife, tenants, of lands in this town, *Gunton*, *Antingham*, *Felmingham*, &c. granted to *John*, for the life of *Agnes*, late wife of *Hugh*; and in the 10th of *Edward* II. *William de Cailly* of *Hecham* conveyed the manor to *Simon Kenyng* of *Banygham*.

John Duke of *Bedford*, lord of the honour of *Richmond*, held it in *capite*, and died possessed of it in the 14th of *Henry* VI.

Clement Herward of *Aldburgh* held it in 1426; *Robert Herward*, Esq. in 1483, and *Robert Herward*, and *Alianore* his wife, conveyed it with 4 messuages and lands in *Gunton*, *Antingham*, &c. to *Robert Symonds*, in the first of *Edward* VI.; *Francis Symonds* was lord in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*.

John Symonds of *Suffield* sold it to *John Wigget* of *Norwich* mer-

[6] Terra Rogeri Bigoti—In Sutfelle iiii. lib'os ho'es. et i. de istis ten. Withiri et Rex. alt'um et Herald ii. alios ii. car. t're. sep. villi. et xi. bor. tc. et sep. iiii. car. in d'nio. et iii. car. ho'um. silva ad xii. por. iiii. ac. p'ti. tc. et p. ii. mol. mo. iiii. tc. et p. val. iiii. lib. et mo. vi. lib. et xv. sol. et ht. viii. qr. in longo. et v. in lato et xiid. et obolu'. de gelto.

[7] T're. Alani Comitis—In Sutfulle ten. Gun. i. lib. ho. Rad. Storle T.R.E. dim. car. t're. sep. iii. bord. et dim. car. in d'nio. et dim. hom. et dim. ac. p'ti.

chant, about 1700; *Wigget*, to *John Morden*, Esq. of *Bradley* hall in *Suffolk*, whose son, *William Cropley*, Esq. by *Catherine* his wife, daughter of Sir *Charles Harbord*, was father of *Harbord Cropley*, Esq. who took the name of *Harbord*, Esq. and was lord in 1714, and Sir *William Morden Harbord* is the present lord.

The tenths were 5*l.* 2*s.* deducted 12*s.*

The Church is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Margaret*. In the reign of *Edward* I. *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk* was patron; the rector had a manse and 6 acres of land, valued at 26 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence, 13*d.* the present valor is 14*l.*

RECTORS.

In 1306, *Robert Miles* instituted, presented by *Roger le Bigod* Earl of *Norfolk*.

1326, *Richard de Burghstede*, by *Thomas* Earl of *Norfolk*, the King's son.

1328, *William Brekiston* *Ditto.*

1333, *William Barker.* *Ditto.*

1349, *Peter Denne*, by Sir *John Segrave.*

1355, *William Cheleston*, by the King.

1356, Mr. *Peter Denne.*

1356, *Richard de Evesham*, by *Walter* Lord *de Manny.*

1364, *John de Burton.* *Ditto.*

1368, *Richard de Eversham.* *Ditto.*

1380, *William Creak* by *Margaret* Countess of *Norfolk.*

1397, *John Hervy.* *Ditto.*

1424, *Richard Swandland*, by *Elizabeth* Dutchess of *Norfolk.*

1447, Mr. *Thomas Joy*, by *John* Duke of *Norfolk.*

1453, *John Grimesby.* *Ditto.*

1453, Mr. *Gilbert Fayercloth*, A. M *Ditto.*

1471, Mr. *William Wybbe.* *Ditto.*

1482, *Robert Male*, by the King.
Mr. *William Bridges*, rector.

1519, *Thomas Seman*, by the Earl of *Surry.*

1543, *Robert Betts*, by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk.*

1562, *Nicholas Miller.* *Ditto.*

1580, *Andrew Carre*, by the Queen[s]

1581, *William Bennet*, by *Philip* Earl of *Arundel*; in 1603, he returned 138 communicants.

1622, *John Cayworth*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1637, *Thomas Symonds*, by *Thomas* Earl of *Arundel.*

1684, *James Clough*, by *Henry Meriton*, and *Matthew Novell*, clerks.

1714, *Jos. Church*, by *Harbord Harbord*, Esq.

1724, *Franc. Green.* *Ditto.*

1738, *John Tayleur.* *Ditto.*

In the south isle of the church is a tomb,

Johs. Symond conditur hoc, qui obt. 14 *Dec. A. D.* 1584, *unicam*

[s] See in Guston.

habuit uxorem Mariam filiam Franci. Mundeford armigi. reliquit filios duos, Francisc. et Edwardum; filias quatuor. Brigettam, Margaret. Dionysiam et Annam.

Near the font, a gravestone with a brass plate,

Orate p. a'i'ab; Johans. Symonds et Cecilie uxor. ej. obt. 1453.—*Orate p. a'i'a. Johs, Theobald qui obt. 26 Martii,* 1468.

Arms in the church: *Brotherton* Earl of *Norfolk*, impaling, *azure*, crusily, a lion rampant, *or*, *Morley*, impaling, ditto. *Herward* impaling *Reymes*. *Herward* impaling *Gourney*.

John Reymes, of *Suffield*, Gent. buried here in 1553.

The *Symonds* were an ancient family, and bore *azure*, three trefoils, slipped, *argent*.

Richard Symonds of *Suffield*, was living in the reign of *Henry* V.;[a] the will of *Margaret* his wife is dated *July* 13, 1426; and *John*, her son and heir, was her executor; he married *Jane*, daughter of *William Theobald*, and was father of *Adam Symonds*, of *Suffield*, and of *John* of *Cley*. *Adam*, by *Agnes*, daughter of —— *Rugge* of *Roughton*, had *Robert* his son and heir, who married *Margaret*, daughter of —— *Calthorp* of *Cockthorp*, and left *John Symonds*, and by *Mary* his wife, daughter of *Francis Mundeford*, Esq. was father of *Francis Symonds*, who took to wife *Catherine*, daughter of *James Underwood*, and relict of *William Hobart* of *Metton*; this *Francis* was buried in *Suffield* church, in 1626, and had *Francis* his son, who (as I take it) married *Anna*, daughter of *Thomas Bedingfeld*, Esq. of *Ditchingham*, and here buried 1659, and was father of *John Symonds*, Gent. who by *Anne*, his wife, daughter of *William Bladwell* of *Swanington*, had *John Symonds*, Esq. who married *Alice*, daughter of *Walter Bridges*, vicar of *Enfield* in *Middlesex*, who sold this lordship, and was much reduced.

Suffields, Sutfelle, or *Southfield*.

The *Suthfields* were an ancient family, and lords of this town; *Simon de Suthfield* was grandson of *Peter de Suthfield*; *John*, son of *Simon*, called *Simonds*, lived in the time of *Henry* III.

SUSTEAD.

Roger Bigot, ancestor to the Earls of *Norfolk*, had the grant of one freeman of *Withri*, and one of *Ulstan*, who held in the time of the Confessor 30 acres of land with one borderer, and the moiety of another, a carucate and an acre and an half of meadow, &c. then valued at 8*s*. at the survey at 12*s*. also of 3 villains and a borderer

[a] Regist. Hurning.—pt. 2 fol. 142.

here belonging to his manor of *Hanworth*, and 13 borderers with half a carucate, of which *Alward* was possessed.[1]

By the *Bigots* Earls of *Norfolk* the ancient family of the *Felbriggs* were enfeoffed of it, and from the *Felbriggs* it came to the *Windhams*, as may be seen at large in *Felbrigg*; and in 1740, *Ash Windham*, Esq. of *Felbrigg* was lord, and succeeded by his son, *William Windham*, Esq. who died in 1761.

William Earl *Warren* had also the moiety of a freeman, with 15 acres of land, and a borderer with a rood of meadow, the moiety of a mill, and half a carucate, valued then at 2*s*. 6*d*. at the survey at 3*s*. *per ann*.[2]

This was held by the family of *Damme*. In the 19th of *Henry* VI. *John Damme* senior, and *John*, junior, were living; *John Damme* was lord in 1462, and made his will on *August* 2d, in that year, which was proved *December* 29, following, and desires to be buried in the church of *Susted*; names *Elizabeth* his wife, and *Simon*, his eldest son, which *Elizabeth* was the daughter (as I take it) of *John Gresham*, of *Aylmerton*;[3] and *Simon Damme* died lord in 1498. *Robert Damme*, and *Isabel* his wife, were living in the 21st of *Henry* VIII.

Thomas Damme was living in the 38th of the said King. In the 35th of *Elizabeth*, *Nicholas Baldwyn*, clerk, and *Martin Lyndsey*, had a *præcipe* to render to *Henry Stow*, and *Simon Burgall*, the manor of *Damms* in *Sustede*; and in the 41st of that Queen, *John Smith*, Gent. and *Stephen Drury* had one, to render to *Martin Fountain*, and *John Dodman*, the said manor, with 3 messuages, 200 acres of land, 40 of meadow, 100 of pasture, 20 of wood, 100 of heath, and 100*s*. rent.

After this, it was possessed by the *Wyndhams*, and *William Windham*, Esq. of *Felbrigg* died lord of it in 1761, leaving his son and heir a minor.

The tenths were 1*l*. 16*s*.—*Susted* or *Sutstod*, that is *Southstede*.

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*, and was a rectory, valued at 10 marks, granted by *William Bigod*, (son and heir of *Roger*, and steward of the houshold to King *Henry* I.) to the priory of *Thetford*, and appropriated thereto. In the reign of *Edward* I. there belonged to it a house, and 16 acres of land, paid *Peter*-pence, 4*d*.: on the Dissolution this rectory was granted by King *Henry* VIII. to *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk*, and is served by a stipendiary curate; in 1542, *Nicholas Prat* held it, nominated by the Duke of *Norfolk*; and in 1603, 52 communicants were herein. In the 6th of King *James* I. Sir *Edward Carrel*, knight, &c. aliened it on the first of *April*, to *Thomas Blofield*, &c. and in 1740, the heirs of Mr. *Leonard Blofield* nominated the curate.

In the chancel, on a gravestone,

[1] Terra Rogeri Bigoti—In Sustede ten. Withiri i. lib'um. hom. et i. ten. Ulstan T. R. E. mo. R. et h'nt. xxx. ac. t'se. et i. bor. et dim. sep. i. car. i. ac. p'ti. et dim. et mo. i. mol. tc. et p. val. viii. sol. et mo. xii.—et iii vil in Sustede et i. bor. de man. p'dicto (viz. Hanworth.)—Ten. Alward. iii. bor. et ht. dim. car.

[2] T're. Willi. de Warrenna——In Surstede i. dim. lib. ho. d. xv. ac. t're. et i. bord. et i. virga p'ti. et dim mol. semp. dim. car. tc. et p. ii. sol. et vid. et mo. iii. sol.

[3] Regist. Brosyd. p. 2, fol. 35.

In memory of Thomas Blofield, gent. who died Feb. 7, 1637.

One

In memory of Leon. Blofield, gent. who died February 13, 1676.—*Margaret Blofield, relict of Thomas Blofield, died Feb.* 7, 1639.

In the church,

Orate p. a'i'a Simonis Damm, qui obt. 8 *Oct.* 1498.—*Mary, late wife of Tho. Blofield, gent. died September* 29, 1611.—*Hic jacet Johs. Damme, qui obt.* 12 *cal.* - - - - *Ao. Dni,* 1462.

Also these arms, per pale, *or* and *vert*, a lion rampant, *gules*, *Bigod* Earl of *Norfolk*. *Sable*, a chevron, *ermin*, between three mullets, *or*, rather three dolphins, *ermine*, *Damme*, *azure*, an eagle displayed, with two heads, *sable*, beaked, and peded *gules*, and crowned, *or*, being the arms of Sir *Simon Felbrigg's* lady, who was niece to the King of *Bohemia*. *Damme*, impaling, quarterly *Jermy* and *Mounteney*. *Sable*, three talbots, passant, *argent*.

SYDISTROND.

WILLIAM EARL WARREN had this lordship, of which a freeman of *Stigand* Archbishop of *Canterbury* was deprived, who had a carucate of land, 8 villains, one servus, a carucate in demean, and one among the tenants, with 5 socmen who held 21 acres of land, and there was a carucate with an acre and half of meadow, 2 runci, 3 cows, &c. *Waleran*, gave the Earl livery of it, to make up the lordship of *Gimingham*; *Sistran* was then valued at 20*s*. after at 60*s*. and this and *Knapton* the Earl had livery of, as one manor, and together were 2 leucas long, with 8 perches and 5 feet, and one leuca, with 12 perches and 4 feet broad, and paid 5*s*. 1*d*. gelt. The Earl had also in *Sistran*, 2 freemen, one of *Edric*, the other of *Almar*, who held 60 acres of land with 5 villains, 5 borderers, and 3 carucates, and one acre of meadow, &c. valued at 10*s*.[4]

Out of these tenures arose two manors, both belonging to the Earl *Warren*, who held them in *capite*, and each of the lordships had a moiety of the advowson of the church. *John* Earl *Warren* presented as lord, in 1333, from the Earls *Warren*, this came to the Dukes of

[4] T're. Willi de Warrenna—Sistran ten. i. lib. ho. de Stigando Archiepo. p. mo. i. car. t're. semp. viii. vill. et i. serv. tc. et p. i. car. in d'nio. et mo. ii. et i. car. hom. et v. soc. de xxi. ac. t're. sep. i. car. i. ac. et d. p'ti. sep. ii. runc. tc. iii. an. et. iii. porc. hoc. lib. av. Waleran. ad p'ticiend. maneriu. Gimingeham. Sistran val. tc. et p. xx. sol. et lib'atu. (cum Ranapato.) p. mo man. hoc totu. ht. in longo ii. lg. et viii. per. et v. pedes, et in lato. i. leug. et xii. perc. et iiii. pedes. et de gelto v. sol. ei i. den. In Sistran ii lib. ho'es. unus Edrici, alter Almar. de lx. acr tre sep. v. vill. et v. bord. et iii. car. i. ac. pti. silva iii. porc. sep. val. x. sol.

Lancaster, as may be seen at large in *Gimmingham*, and *Henry* Earl of *Lancaster* presented in 1350, and *John* of *Gaunt* Duke of *Lancaster*, and King of *Castile*, in 1385, and 1391. After this it was in the Crown, and in 1406, the King presented, it being part of the dutchy of *Lancaster*, and so continues part at this time.

The family of *de Plaiz* was enfeoffed of the other moiety of this town, or a lordship; and on the death of *Richard de Plaiz*, in the 53d of *Henry* III. *Luke de Ponyngs* was found to hold the 3d part of a fee, of the manor of *Knapton*; in the 14th of *Edward* I. *Jeffrey de Gotherston* claimed view of frank pledge, assise, and called *Luke Ponyngs* to warrant the same; in 1306 and 1309, Sir *Thomas de Ponyngs*, in 1349, Sir *Michael Ponyns*, and in 1373, *Richard de Ponyng*.

In the 13th of *Henry* VIII. Sir *Edward Poinings* died lord, and *Henry* Earl of *Northumberland* was his cousin and heir, and by the said *Henry*, was conveyed to *Robert Ratcliff*, Viscount *Fitz-Walter*, in the 21st of the said King, and in 1533, then Earl of *Sussex*, presented to a moiety of this church, as *Thomas Ratcliff*, Earl, &c. did in 1568. In 1605, the King was patron of one moiety, and lord, and *Thomas Kemp*, Esq. of this.

The tenths were 4*l*. Deducted 20*s*. Temporalities of *Bromholm* priory 12*d*.

The Church is dedicated to St. *Michael*, and had two moieties or medieties; *John de Ringsted* was rector of one, in the patronage of the Earl *Warren*, valued at 10 marks, and Sir *Luke de Ponyngs* of the other, valued at 5 marks in the reign of *Edward* I. *Peter*-pence 4*d*. The present valor is 5*l*. 10*s*,

RECTORS.

In 1306, *John de Howton* to a mediety, presented by *Thomas de Ponyngs*.
1309, *Richard de Heydon* to a mediety, by Sir *Thomas de Ponyngs*.
1318, *Richard de Heydon* to a mediety.
1333, *Roger de Dunwich*, by *John* Earl *Warren*.
1349, *John Davy*, by Sir *Michael Ponyns*.
1350, *John de Weston*, by *Henry* Earl of *Lancaster*.
1360, *Edmund Godfrey*, by Sir *Robert le Mare*, Knt.
1361, *Richard Markaunt*.
1373, *John Swyket*, by *Richard de Ponyng*.
1385, *Thomas Anterous*. by *John* King of *Castile*.
1390, *Thomas de Houton*. *Ditto*
1391, *Richard Munden*, by *John Attewode*, &c.
1391, *John Merigo*, by *John* King of *Castile*.
1399, *Hugh Germon*, by *James Attewode de Sydestrond*.
1401, *Thomas Hilbrond*. *Ditto*.
1402, *Bartholomew Benet*. *Ditto*.
1404, *Clement Albon*. *Ditto*.
1406, *Thomas Pecke*, by the King.
1408, *William Usher*. *Ditto*.
1408, *William Towres*. *Ditto*.
1409, *John Ashhurston*, by the King.

1410, *John Cunray*, by the King.
1414, *Jeffrey Lecock*. *Ditto*.
1427, *Edward Barker*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1439, *John Winter*, by *William Attewood*.
1442, *John Burton*. *Ditto*.
1462, *Robert Tuyler*, by the King.
John Koose, rector.
1477, *Edmund Pylgryne*, by *John Attewood*, Gent.
1492, *John Tokry*, by *Henry Quarles*, Gent.
1533, *John Benwell*, by *Robert* Earl of *Sussex*.
William Mepall, rector.
1555, *William Johnson*, by *Henry* Lord *Fitz-Walter*.
William Tyler, rector.
1559, *Thomas Pundea*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1568, *William Cockman*, by *Thomas* Earl of *Sussex*.
1586, *Thomas Nabbs*, by the Queen.
1598, *John Money*. *Ditto*.
1600, *Thomas Munday*, by *Thomas Kemp*, Esq. he returned 59 communicants in 1603.
1639, *Richard Allison*, by the King.
1661, *Edward Corbet*, by *Thomas Doode*, Gent.
1662, *Vincent Pearse*, S. T. P. by *Robert Houghton* of *Ranworth*, Esq.
1662, *Peter Lock*, by *Thomas Doods*.
1712, *George Bearfoot*, on the death of *William Ashmore*, by *Roger Duncomb*, Gent.
1748, *Charles Vaughan Baker*, by *Thomas Thornbury*, Esq.

In the church were the arms of *Poinings*, barry of six, *or* and *vert*, an a bend, *gules*, three mullets, *argent*;—— and the guilds of St. *Mary* and St. *Michael*.

The town takes its name as seated on the strand or shore of the sea.

THORP-MARKET.

WILLIAM EARL WARREN was lord, and *Ralph* held of him at the survey, 2 carucates of land, which a freeman of *Stigand* the Archbishop held in the reign of the Confessor, and was deprived of at the conquest, 4 villains, 24 bordarers, and one servus belonged to it, there were 2 carucates in demean, 3 among the tenants, and paunage for 40 swine, 2 acres of meadow, 2 mills, one skep of bees, 2 runci, 3 cows, 20 goats, &c. and 5 socmen with 32 acres of land, and a carucate; also a church endowed with 10 acres, valued in the whole, then, at 40*s*. but at the survey at 8*l*. The said Earl had also here and in *Mundesley* and *Trunch*, 19 freemen, 3 of which were only under protection or commendation, but the rest all paid customary dues in King *Edward's*

time, and *R. Mallet* laid claim to these men.[5] *Pauline Peyver* was lord, and a judge in King *Edward* the Third's reign; built at *Tuddington* in *Bedfordshire* a magnificent manor-house, &c. of stone, with a park, garden, &c.

The family of *de Peyvere* were enfeoffed of this lordship, under the Earl *Warren*; it appears by an original receipt of Sir *John de Grey*, lord of *Wrast* in *Bedfordshire*, dated 1257, that he had the wardship and marriage of *John Peyvere*, son and heir of Lord *Pauline Peyvere*, and Mr. *Peter Peyvere*, one of *Pauline's* executors, paid then to Sir *John*, 100 marks, (a very great sum at that time) by way of release of the said wardship and marriage, and for certain goods and chattels, late *Pauline's*.

This family of *de Peyvere* descend from *Roger*, the great Bishop of *Salisbury*, in the reign of King *Stephen*, who had a son by *Maud de Ramsbury*, his harlot, called *Roger de Paupere Censu*, chancellor of *England*, whose son, Sir *Walter*, was lord of *Odington*, in *Oxfordshire*. —*Kennet's Parochial Antiq.*

Sir *John* having married to his 2d wife *Joan*, widow of the said *Pauline*, by whom he had no issue;[6] but by his first wife he had a daughter, afterwards married to *John de Peyvere* the minor. The said *Pauline* died in the aforesaid year; he was lord of *Wendlebury* in *Oxfordshire*, and one of the King's justices in the 33d of *Henry* III. when a fine was levied before the King in person present, *Ralph Fitz-Nicholas*, *John de Lexington*, *Pauline Peyvere*, seneschal, *Henry de Bath*, *Jeremy de Caxton*, and *Henry de Bracton*, the King's justices which *Henry* was author of the famous treatise—*De Consuetudinibus Anglicanis*.

William de Peyvere, a younger son (as I take it) of *Pauline*, was lord; and in 52 of *Henry* III. recovered damages of the bailiff of *Gimmingham*, for distraining in this town, and in *Roughton*, which lordship he held in demean; in the 3d of *Edward* I. he claimed royal privileges, a gallows, assise, a mercate and a fair, and died before the 20th of that King, when *Margaret* his late widow, then the wife of *Gilbert Hacon*, claimed her third's in this town.

John was son and heir of *William*, who in the 30th of the aforesaid King, granted by deed, on *Tuesday* next after the feast of the nativity of the blessed Virgin *Mary*, to Sir *Walter de Norwich*, some pasture ground, by way of exchange, and in 31st of that King, a piece of land called *Bygot's* in *Thorp*, for 30*l.*

In the 30th of the said King, *John de Broghton*, by a fine levied at *York*, passed to the said *Walter*, 12 messuages, 57 acres and an half of land, 2 of meadow, 5 and an half of wood, 4 of pasture, and 59*s.* 1*d. ob.* rent in *Thorp* Mercate and *Bradfield*, with 2*s.* rent out of the profits of the mercate. This was a distinct lordship from that

[5] T're Willi. de Warrenna ——— In Torp ten. Rad. ii car. t're. quas tenuit i lib. ho. de Stigand. T. R. E. semp. iiii villi. et xxiiii bord. et i ser. semp. ii car. in d'nio. et iii car. ho'm. silv. ad xl perc. ii ac. p'ti. et ii molin. i val. apu'. sep. ij runc. et iii an. tc. vi. porc. mo. xi et mo. l.oves semp. xx cap. et v soc. de xxxii ac. terre. et h'nt. i car. i eccliæ. x ac. tc. et p. val. xl sol. et modo. viii lib. —— In Torp Muleslai et Truchet xviii lib'os ho'es. tres com'datione et alias de o'i. consuetudine, calu'pniatur R. Ma'et.

[6] Joan, in the 35th of Henry III. held the manor of Todington in Bedfordshire Lichescumb, Wavendon and Sudbury manors in Bucks, and Lees manor in Rutlandshire.

of *Peyvere's*, but held of the Earl *Warren*, and in the 5th of *Edward* II. Sir *Walter* had a grant of free warren.

In the 16th of *Edward* II. 2 parts of this manor were settled on *William de Peyvere*, and *Hawys* his wife, by their trustees, with a mill; in the 30th of *Edward* III. *Richard de Kent*, and *Isabell* his wife, convey the 3d part of this manor to Sir *John Repps*; and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Edmund Reedesham*, *John de Repps*, &c. held the manor of *Thorp Market*, by the service of one fee of the heirs of *John Peyvere*, and he of the Lord *Say*, who held it of the dutchy of *Lancaster*; and *John Repps* of *Heringfleet* had the 3d part of it in 1473, from whom it came to his son *Henry*, as in South *Repps*.

Sir *John Heveningham*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, settled by fine, 1441, on *Robert Rands*, and *Cecilia* his wife, the 3d part of the manor of *Redesham*, in this town. This *Elizabeth* was daughter and heir of Sir *John Reedesham*, by *Alice*, daughter and coheir of Sir *John de Repps*; after this, it came to the *Greshams*, and Sir *John Gresham*, Knt. and lord mayor of *London*, in 1547, died seized of it, *October* 23, 1556; he was son of *John Gresham* of *Holt*, Esq. by *Alice* his wife, (daughter of *Alexander*, and heir to her brothers *John* and *William Blith* of *Stratton* in *Norfolk*, and *John* was son of *James Gresham*, Gent. of *Holt*, by *Margery*, daughter of *William Billingford*, Esq. of *Blackford-Hall*, in *Stoke*, *Norfolk*; and *John Gresham*, Gent. of *Gresham* in *Norfolk*, was father of the said *James*. Sir *John*, by *Mary* his wife, daughter and coheir of *Thomas Ipswell*, had several children, and left this lordship to *Edmund* his 3d son, who died lord in 1586, whose son, Sir *Richard Gresham*, by *Joan* his wife, daughter of *Augustine Hind*, alderman of *London*, inherited it, who married *Ann*, daughter of *Thomas Crofts*, Esq. of *Saxham Parva*, in *Suffolk*, whose sons dying without issue, *Elizabeth* their sister and coheir, brought it by marriage to *Henry Page*, Esq. of *Saxthorp* in *Norfolk*, councellor at law, whose son *John Page*, Esq. was lord in 1695, and at his death, left it to his son, *Gresham Page*, Esq. of *Saxthorp*.

COXFORD-PRIORY MANOR.

This was given to the priory on the foundation thereof, by Sir *John de Cheney*, the founder. In the 9th of *Edward* II. the prior sued persons for fishing here; the temporalities in 1428, were valued at 106*s.* 4*d.* At the Dissolution it was granted by King *Henry* VIII. on *May* 9, in his 29th year to *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk*; *Edmund Gresham* died seized of it, as was found by an inquisition taken at *Norwich*, *June* 7, *ao.* 29 *Elizabeth*, and of the manor of *Thorp Mercate* and *Bradfield*, with the manors of *Sandersted*, and *Wallingham* in *Surry*.

Sir *Thomas Richardson* afterwards possessed it, and sold it to Sir *Thomas Rant*, who married ——, daughter of —— *Burwell* of *Roughham* in *Suffolk*, and dying without issue, it came to *William Rant*, M. D. whose son, Sir *William Rant*, held it in 1692; he married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *William de Grey* of *Merton*, Esq. and left 2 daughters and coheirs, *Elizabeth* and *Jane*; *Jane* married to *Harbord Cropley*, Esq. and *Elizabeth*, to *Robert Britiff*, Esq. councellor at law, at *Norwich*.

In *Thorp*, *Robert Grenon*, had at the survey, 40 acres of land and one of meadow, of which 7 freemen were deprived, and *Osbert* held it under *Robert*, with 40 acres of land, one acre of meadow, and one carucate, valued at 12*s.*[7]

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Margaret*, was a rectory, and being granted to the priory of *Coxford*, by *Jeffrey* Lord *Say*, who married *Alice*, one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir *John de Cheney*, the founder, was appropriated to it, and a vicarage settled; the rectory was valued at 18 marks, the vicarage at 15*s.* and paid *Peterpence*, 9*d.*; the vicar had a manse with 3 acres of land, and the rectory 13 acres; the present valor of the vicarage is 5*l.* 11*s.* 1*d. ob.* and is discharged.

VICARS.

Walter Atte Strete occurs vicar in the 16th of *Edward* I.
1324, *Richard de Rudham* instituted, presented by the prior of *Coxford.*
1356, *Bartholomew de Norton.* *Ditto.*
1361, *Bened. de Kempston.*
John Baldwyn, vicar.
1368, *Jeffrey de Toftrys.*
Richard Mason, vicar.
1381, *Edmund Heyford.*
1391, *Robert Stanhow.*
1400, *Stephen Honyter.*
1401, *Thomas Hildebrond.*
1405, *John Benet.*
1411, *John de Mateshale.*
1417, *Robert Ware.*
1422, *Thomas Brightmer*
1430, *John Hert.*
1432, *John Grane.*
1437, *Roger Hawe.*
1459, *Robert Keson.*
1536, *William Munds.*
Robert Barton, vicar.
1555, *Cuthbt. Dales*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
Bernard Hargar, vicar; in 1603, he returned 64 communicants.
1603, *Edmund Bury*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1608, *Richard Youngsband*, by *Bartholomew Thompson*, and *Thomas Woorts.*
1615, *William Comfort.* *Ditto.*
1625, *Edward Hall*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1626, *Robert Chawmer*, by *Edward Tompson*, and *Richard Wiggot.*
1634, *Thomas Colby*, by *Roger Wiggot.*
John Dibald, vicar.
1680, *Jos. Ward*, by Sir *William Rant.*
1690, *John Oliver.* *Ditto.*

[7] Terra Robt. Grenonis——In Torp i. ac. p'ti. sep. i car et val. xii sol. tenet Osbt. vii libo. ho'es. de xl ac. tre.

1692, *Michael Hart*, by Sir *William Rant*.
1700, *Thomas Martin* *Ditto*.
1705, *Samuel Salter*. *Ditto*.
1709, *Theoph. Rice*. *Ditto*.
1748, *Thomas Woodger*, by Sir *William Harbord*.

On a large black marble tomb-stone,

This stone covers the dust of William Rant, Dr. of physick, and fellow of the college of Physicians in London, who after that he had there exercised his art with much honour and success for full 20 years, upon the 15 day of September, 1653, and in the 49 year of his age, finished the race of his life at Norwich, where he first took breath to run it.—— Under this stone also do lye the ashes of his dear wife Jane, 3d daughter of Sir John Dingley, Kt. of Wolverton in Hampshire; she ended this life on the 11th of June, 1656: they left issue, William and Jane.

A grave-stone with a brass plate,

For Edmund Gresham, Esq. who died August —, 1586.

In the church these arms; *azure*, on a chevron, *gules*, three boars heads couped, between three cross crosslets, fitchée, *or*, *Butrey*; impaling, *sable*, a chevron, between three dolphins, *ermine*, *Damme*,

John Buttry of London, gent. and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of —— Damme of Susted, were here buried; he died July 30, 1488.

Hetherset, impaling *Berningham*, *gules*, a maunch, *ermine*;—*Hetherset*, impaling *Rands*, *sable*, a chevron, *ermin*, between three cross crosslets, fitchée, *argent*; and *Peyvere*, *azure*, a maunch, *gules*, in a bordure, *argent*. Here was the guild of St. *Margaret*.

It was decreed in the dutchy of *Lancaster*, in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. that the King's tenants of his manors of *Gymingham*, *Antingham*, *Thorp*, *Bradfeld*, *Trunch*, and *South Repps* adjoining to the common, should have their accustomed right in the commons between the said towns, and that Sir *John Gresham*, and his tenants of *Thorp*, should have but 300 sheep on the common called *Oldfield Heath*, &c.

The tenths were 4*l*. 1*s*.

THURGARTON.

The abbot of St. *Bennet* of *Holme* was lord of this manor in *Edward* the Confessor's reign, and at the survey. This abbey was founded by King *Canute*, and this lordship was given to it by a *Saxon* lady, *Edgiva Swanehals*, as the register of *Holme* says.[s]

At the survey the abbot had 2 carucates of land, 4 villains, and 4 borderers, 2 carucates in demean and one among the tenants, 4 acres

[s] Regist. Hulm. fol. 6.

of meadow, &c. a mill, one runcus, 2 cows, &c. with 30 goats; and 49 socmen had a carucate of land with 5 carucates and 2 acres and an half of meadow, valued in King *Edward's* time at 4*l.* at the survey at 6*l.* it was 13 furlongs long, and 6 broad, and paid 16*d. ob.* gelt, and the soc belonged to it.[g]

In the 15th of King *John*, *Thomas*, son and heir of *John de Thurgarton*, held lands of the abbot which his father had; and in the 7th of that King, a fine was levied between *Ralph* the abbot, and *Eustace Fitz-John*, tenant of the whole land of *Thurgarton*, when he released it to the abbot, who regranted to *Eustace* all the land which *Cecilia*, his grandmother, held of him, by 5*s.* rent; and in the 12th of the said reign, *Peter de Hobois* paid 20 marks for seisin of lands here, and in *Antingham*, claimed of the abbot, when the abbot pleaded that he had not disseized *Peter*, but that the King had set over the religious houses certain guardians or keepers: and in the 19th of that King, *Peter* released all his right to the abbot.

The abbot, in the 3d of *Edward* I. claimed the lete, assise, &c. and would not permit his maltsters and brewers to come before the King's bailiff of the hundred to the view of frankpledge, &c. and signed and marked his flagons with his own mark, &c.

In 1428, the temporalities of the abbot were valued at 17*l.* 7*s.* 6*d. per ann.* and in 1535, King *Henry* VIII. by act of parliament, on the dissolution of the monasteries, settled the revenues of this abbey on the see of *Norwich*, and took to himself the ancient revenues of that see; by which act this lordship of *Thurgarton*, called the *Chamberlain's*, came to be annexed to that see. In the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, by the account of *Thomas Rugg*, then bailiff, the rent of assise was 21*l.* 11*s.* 1*d. q.*—1*l.* pension out of the rectory;—Lete fee to *North Erpingham* hundred, 16*d.*—To *Thurgarton* rector 2*s.*—The convent's manor and rents 30*s.*—A pension of tithes belonging to the chamberlain, 33*s.* 4*d.*—To the penitentiary out of *Honylands* in *Baningham* and *Tuttington*, 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*—The farm of the demean lands was 7*l.* of the herbage, 15*s.* 8*d.*—Farm of the site of the manor, 4 quarters, 6 bushels of barley at 3*s.* 4*d.* a quarter; perquisites of court with fines included, 55*s.* 8*d.*—and 4*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* rents, &c. belonging to the cellarer, out of lands here and in *Twayte*, demised to *Miles Hobart*, Esq.—And the Bishop of *Norwich* is lord at this time.

Roger Bigot, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, had, at the survey, 2 borderers in this town, belonging to his manor of *Hanworth*, also one freeman of *Ilvingus*, who held in King *Edward's* time, 12 acres of land, which he always ploughed, and half a carucate, valued then at 2*s.* at the survey at 5*s.*[i]

Roger Bigod Earl of *Norfolk* was lord in the 3d of *Edward* I. and about this time, *William*, son of *Robert* of *Felmingham*, purchased of *John*, son of *Eustace* of *Thurgarton*, lands here, in *Sustede*, &c.

[g] Terr. S'ci Benedicti de Hulmo—— Thurgartuna tenet sep. S'cs B. ii car. t're. sep. iiii vill. et iiii bor. et ii car. in d'nio. et i car. hom. iiii ac. p'ti. silv. xx ppr. i mol. tc. i runc. et ii an. mo. iii tc. ix por. mo. xi. tc. xxx cap. mo. xviii. et xlix soc. de i car. t're. sep. v car. ii ac. p'ti. et dim. tc. val. iiii lib. mo. vi lit. xiii qr. in long. et vi in lat. et de g. xvi*d.* et ob. et soca hab. Sc's. Bened.

[i] Terra Rogeri Bigoti——In Turgartuna ii bord. p'tinentes man. (viz. Haganworda)——In Turgatuna i lib. ho. que'ten. Ilvingus de xii ac. t're. semp. arat cu' dim. car. tc. et p. val. ii sol. mo. v.

In the 9th of *Edward* II. *Richard de Walkstede*, and *Margaret* his wife, had in this town, *Basingham*, *Sustede*, &c. messuages, 52 acres of land, 7 of meadow, 12 of pasture, settled on them for life, by *John de Felmingham*.

In the 29th of *Henry* VIII. Sir *Thomas Bedingfeld*, *Alice* his wife, and *Firmin Rookwood*, her son and heir, conveyed to *Edmund Windham*, Esq. a manor in *Thurgarton*.

William Windham, Esq. died lord in 1761, leaving his son and heir a minor.

The tenths were 3*l*. 8*s*. 4*d*.

The CHURCH is a rectory formerly in the patronage of the abbot of St. *Bennet* of *Holm*, who had a portion of tithes valued at 2 marks *per ann*. The present valor is 9*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. and is discharged of tenths, &c. The Bishop of *Norwich* is patron.

Dedicated to *All-Saints*.

RECTORS.

In 1316, *John de Claxton* held it by sequestration.
1323, *Eustace de Rising*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1327, *Adam de Murimouth*, junior, by the abbot of *Holm*.
1328, *Ralph de Erpingham*. *Ditto*.
Ralph Aylmer occurs rector, 1333.
1342, *Edmund de Fresingfeld*, by the Pope.
1352, *Ralph Urri*, by the abbot.
1392, *John Bridale*. *Ditto*.
1406, *Robert de Wolstan*.
1407, *John Merchaunt*.
1421, *William Snyterton*.
1435, *Thomas Dannard*.
1438, *James Burbach*.
1441, *Philip Lewys*.
1450, *Richard Wyston*.
1471, *Edward Wrenne*.
1478, *Simon Crosse*.
1483, *Thomas Bokenham*.
1485, *John Bakon*.
1509, *John Warmolle*.
1534, *Walter Roper*, by the assigns of the abbot.
1556, *Robert Rugge*, by Sir *Thomas Woodhouse*.
William Dawson, rector.
1563, *John Machet*, by the Bishop.
1583, *Henry White*, by the Bishop; in 1603, he certified that there were 104 communicants.
1617, *John Taylor*, by the Bishop.
1628, *George Franklyn*. *Ditto*.
1652, *Thomas Hennant*, by *John Kendal*.
1662, *John Scambler*, by the Bishop.
1668, *Benedict Rively*, by the Bishop.
1695, *Thomas Geffrey*, by the Bishop.
1701, *Patrick St. Clair*, by the Bishop.
1740, *John Custance*. *Ditto*.

In the church was the gild of St. *Margaret.*
In the chancel on a grave-stone,

Hic jacet sepultus in gra. et m'ia Dei D'n'us Johes. Bakon, quo'd rector de Thurgarton, qui obt. 1509.

John Bacon of this town by his will proved *May* 19, 1526, requires to be buried in the church of *Thurgarton, All-Saints.*[a] In the church were the arms of St. *Bennet's* abbey of *Holm, sable,* a crosier staff, in pale, between two crowns, *or;*—also *gules,* a boar passant, *argent,* in chief a crescent, between two estoils, *or.*—*Bacon.*

TRIMINGHAM.

I FIND no mention made of this town in *Domesday* Book, being included (as I take it) and accounted for under the Earl *Warren's* great lordship of *Gimingham,* to which it joins, and paid suit and service to it. *William* Earl *Warren* was lord of it at the survey, and *John* Earl *Warren* granted it to *Thomas* Earl of *Lancaster;* from this family it came to *John* of *Gaunt* Duke of *Lancaster,* and to *Henry* IV. and continues in the Crown as part of the dutchy of *Lancaster.* There was a family of *Grime* living in this town. *Robert Gryme* of *Trimingham,* had by *Anne,* his wife, daughter of ——— *Dyes, Thomas Gryme,* who married *Amphillis,* daughter of *Robert Thymelthorp,* and was father of *George Gryme* of *Foulsham,* living in the 8th of King *James* I. *Thomas* was his son; *Amphillis,* one of his sisters, married Sir *Roger Millesent* of *Bergham,* by *Linton,* in *Cambridgeshire,* and the other *Thomas Oxburgh,* Gent.

The tenths were 4*l.* 4*s.* 0*d.* Deducted 16*s.*

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to St. *John Baptist.* In the reign of *Edward* I. the rector was found to have a competent edifice, with half an acre of land, and was valued at 9 marks, paid *Peterpence* 12*d.* and the Earl *Warren* was patron.

The present valor is 6*l.* and is discharged.

RECTORS.

William de Rollesby occurs rector in the 22d of *Edward* I.
Nicholas de Castleacre, in the 10th of *Edward* II.
1317, *Richard Pykot* instituted, presented by *John* Earl *Warren.*
1324, *William de Hay. Ditto.*
1349, *James de Plat,* by *Henry* Earl of *Lancaster.*
1384, *William de Pountfrevit,* by *John* King of *Castile,* &c.

[a] Reg. Hayward, Norw. p. 34.

1392, *William de Bynnebrook*, by *John* King of *Castile*, &c.
1393, *John Salteby*. *Ditto*.
1405, *Robert Tymworth*, by the King.
1411, *William Stoke*. *Ditto*.
1419, *Richard Proo*. *Ditto*
1424, *William Pete*, by the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, feoffee of King *Henry* V.
1434, *John Grimsby*. *Ditto*.
John Hore, rector.
1448, *William Pomel*, by the King.
1457, *Thomas Eyre*. *Ditto*.
1464, *John Stery*.
1471, *Richard Colfex*, by *Elizabeth* Queen of *England*.
1477, *William Stokes*. *Ditto*.
In 1603, *James Matchet*, rector, returned 67 communicants.
John Mountford died rector in 1721, and was succeeded by *Edward Bilston*, presented by the King.
1756, *William Clagget*. *Ditto*.
The patronage is in the chancellor of the dutchy of *Lancaster*.
In this church was (as pretended) a famous relick in times of popery, the head of St. *John* the Baptist, to which pilgrimages, great worship, and offerings were made. In one of the will books of *Norwich* is that of *Alice Cook*, of *Horstead*, wife of *Robert Cook* of *Crostwheytin*, in 1478:—"*It.* I wyll have a man to go a pilgrimage to St. *John* hys hede of *Trymmyngham*.
Temporalities of *Bromholm* priory 2*d*.

TRUNCH.

WILLIAM EARL WARREN had the lordship of this town,[3] of which 3 freemen were deprived; one of them belonged to *Herold*, late King of *England*, another to *Ralph Stalre*, and the 3d to *Ketel*, who held 90 acres of land, and 14 borderers belonged to it, with 5 carucates among them; there was a church endowed with 10 acres, &c. 3 acres of meadow always valued at 30*s*. and there were also 5 freemen of *Edric* in King *Edward's* time, who had 34 acres of land, with 2 carucates, 2 acres and an half of meadow, always valued at 7*s*. 4*d*.[4]

This town also belonged to the Earl *Warren's* capital manor of *Gimmingham*, and paid suit and service to it. In the 34th of *Henry* III. *Maud de Norwich* granted by fine, to *Richer*, son of *Nicholas*, a messuage, 48 acres of land, a mill, and the sixth part of another in

[3] Reg. Caston, fol. 71.
[4] T're. Willi. de Warrenna——In Trunchet iii. libi. ho'es. un. Heroldis alter Rad. i. Salr. tertius Ketelli lxxxx. ac. terre. et xiiii. bord. semp. v. car. int'r. eos. i ecclia x ac. silva ad iii porc. iii. ac. p'ti. semp. val. xxx. sol. et adhuc st. ibi v. libi. ho'es. Edrici T. R. E. de xxxiiii. ac. terre. et ii. ac. et dim. pti. semp. val. vii. sol. et iiii*d*.

this town, *Swathefeld* and *Bradfeld*. In the 15th of *Edward* I. the Earl *Warren* claimed a weekly mercate, on *Saturday*, in this manor; and on the death of *John* Earl *Warren*, in the 21st of *Edward* III. the mercate was valued at 10*s*. *per ann*. the manor came after to the Earl of *Lancaster*, (as is before observed,) and so to *John* of *Gaunt* Duke of *Lancaster*, and King *Henry* IV. and is still in the Crown, as part of the dutchy of *Lancaster*.

The tenths were 4*l*. 10*s*. deducted 15*s*.

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Botolph*, and is a regular pile, with a nave, 2 isles, and a chancel covered with lead, and has a tower with 4 bells.

In the chancel, on a little monument,

Lancelotus Thexton cappellanus Regis Edw. VI. *sacre theologie baccalaureus, et rector de Trunch obt. 25. Febr.* 1588, and this shield of arms, quarterly, in the first and fourth a cross between four lions heads erased, *gules*, in the 2d and 3d, *ermine*, fretty, *azure*.

In a window here, *argent*, a fess between two chevrons, *sable*.

On a gravestone

Hic jacet Magr. Robt. Cantell, quo'd. rector isti. ecclie, qui. obt. 1 *Sept. Ao. Dni.* 1480.

Gravestones

In memory of Thomas Worts, gent. who died November 13, 1693, *aged* 45, with his arms, three lions rampant, - - - — *William Worts. gent. who married Elizabeth, daughter of Riches Brown of Fulmodeston, Esq. died August* 25, 1694, *aged* 60, with the arms of *Worts* impaling *Brown*; two bars, between three spears heads, - - -

The patronage of the church was granted to the priory of *Castleacre*, by *William* Earl *Warren*, the first on his founding that priory. In the reign of *Edward* I. the rector had a manse, and 13 acres of land valued at 16 marks, *Peter*-pence 13*d*. and the prior of *Castleacre* had a pension or portion of tithe valued at 40*s*. the present valor is 10*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. and pays first fruits, &c. the *Norwich* registers say that *William*, the second Earl *Warren*, granted the patronage, and *Eborard* Bishop of *Norwich*, confirmed it; and that *Simon* the Bishop confirmed the pension in 1208.

RECTORS.

In 1338, *Robert Joye* instituted, presented by *Bartholomew de Stanhow*, assignee of the prior of *Castleacre*.

1338, *Thomas de Lewes*, by *John* Earl *Warren*.

1339, *Ralph Bigot*. *Ditto*.

1349, *John Veysel*, by the prior.

1349, *Ralph Bigot*, by the prior.

1352, *John Edward*. *Ditto*.

John. Wyneston occurs rector in 1365.

1401, *Richard Hildegard*, by the prior.

1405, Mr. *John Wysebech*.

1438, Mr. *Robert Cantell*.

1481, *Richard Mytton.*
1504, *Robert Lake.*
1505, Mr. *Bartrand Wodehouse,* L.L.B.
1548, *Thomas Powle,* by the King.
1554, *Richard Gatefeld,* by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk;* in the 29th of *Henry* VIII. *Thomas,* the prior of *Castleacre,* granted by fine, to that King, the advowson; and the King in the said year, on *December* 22, gave it to *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk.*
1556, Mr. *John Salesbury,* S.T.B. by *Peter Read,* Gent. He was suffragan Bishop of *Thetford,* dean of *Norwich,* &c.
1572, *Lancelot Thexton,* S.T.B. by the Queen, prebend of *Norwich.*
1589, *Robert Thexton,* by *John Duke,* Gent. in 1603, he returned 152 communicants.
1619, *Robert Thexton,* by the assigns of the master, &c. of *Catharine* hall in *Cambridge.*
1660, *Robert Thexton,* by the King.
1709, *John Jeffrey,* by the master and fellows of *Catharine*-hall.
1748, *Henry Stebbing. Ditto.*
Here were the guilds of St. *Botolph* and St. *Mary.*
The temporalities of *Bromholm* priory were 4*s.* 7*d. ob.*
The deanery of *Repps,* included all the churches in the hundred of *North Erpingham,* and was taxed at 2 marks.

DEANS.

In 1304, *Richard de Snetesham* was collated to it by the Bishop.
1308, *Robert de Bosco.*
1311, Mr. *Gilbert de Meleford.*
1330, *Richard de Barwe.*
1337, *Thomas de Norwich.*
1339, *William de Hiltoft.*

EYNFORD HUNDRED.

So CALLED from some ford over the river *Eyn*, which was (as is said) at *Repeham*. It was in the Crown till King *Richard* I. on his return from the *Holy Land*, granted it to Sir *Baldwin de Betun* Earl of *Albemarle*, and *Holderness*, with the lordship of *Folsham*,[3] from whom it came to *William Mareschall* Earl of *Pembroke*; from the *Marshals* to Sir *Robert de Morley*, and from the *Morleys*, to the *Lovells*, and *Parkers*, Lords *Morley*; *Edward Parker* Lord *Morley* sold it in 1582, to Sir *Thomas Hunt*.

In the 29th of *Henry* VI. I find the hundred court to be kept at *Repeham*, and there also on *Wednesday*, in *Easter* week, in the fourth year of *Edward* VI. when the village of *Wichingham* was presented for not keeping the bridge called *Stockbridge* in good repair as they ought to do.

ALDERFORD.

THIS village is not mentioned in the book of *Domesday*, it being wholly included and accounted for under the lordships of *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Bucks* in *Wichingham*, which extended herein, and also under *Giffard's* manor of *Swanington*.

In the 10th of *Richard* I. *William de Huntingfeld*, and *Isabel* his wife, convey by fine to *William Batail*, 60 acres here and in *Swenington*. with his right in those churches, and that of *Felthorp*, to be held of *Huntingfeld*, and the heirs of *Isabel*, by the sixth part of a fee, and the service of 40*s*. *per ann.* payable to them, and 20*s*. to *W. Briton*, for life. This was before *R.* archdeacon of *Ely*, *William de War*, *Robert Fitz-Roger*, *William Dawbeney*, &c. the King's justices. *Ralph de Batail* of *Sweyningtor* granted in the 5th of *Edward* I. the advowson of the church of *Alderford* to the prior and convent of *Norwich*; and *William* Lord *Roos* of *Hamelak* confirmed in the 30th

[3] See in Foulsham.

of that King, to *Simon Est*, and *Joan* his wife, the suit of a water-mill, with the mill-dam and water-course, here and in *Wichingham*.

Alan Hovell, or *Holywell*, had free warren here and in *Swanington*, in the 2d of *Edward* II. and held in those towns, &c. half a fee of the honour of *Clare*.

Roger Mortimer, lord of *Chirk*, by deed, dated on the feast of St. *Matthew anno* 9 *Edw.* II. granted to Sir *Walter de Norwich*, and his heirs, all his lands in *Alderforth*, and appointed *Symon de Herdersete* his attorney, to deliver seizin; and in the said year, the prior of *Longvile*, *William de Breton*, *John*, son of *Walter de Wichingham*, and *Roger de Antingham*, had lordships there, that extended into this village.

Sir *John de Norwich*, Knt. conveyed to *Robert Mayn*, of *Crouch Stoke*, all his lands, &c. which Sir *Walter* his father had purchased of Sir *Roger de Mortimer*, in *Alderford*, the *Wichinghams*, *Swenyngton* and *Attlebrigg*, dated on *Monday* next after the feast of St. *Martin*, in the 22d of *Edward* III.

In 22d of *Richard* II. *Roger Mortimer* Earl of *March* had half a fee here, in *Swenyngton*, &c. part of the manor of *Clare*, held by *Alan Holywell*.

Henry Richers was lord in 1570, and *Robert Richers* in 1572. *John Richers*, Esq. lord in 1609.

The tenths were 1*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *John* Baptist, and is a rectory. The old valor was 8 marks and an half, *Peter*-pence 8*d.* The present valor 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is discharged; the presentation is in the dean and chapter of *Norwich*.

RECTORS.

1297, *Gilbert Lamberd*, rector, by papal provision.
1332, *Gilbert de Melton*, by the prior and convent of *Norwich*.
John Schirloe, rector.
1337, *Oliver de Wytton*.
1353, *William de Aldeby*.
Hugh Smith, rector.
1359, *Robert de Burghwode*.
1368, *Robert de Thurgarton*.
1390, *Thomas Smithe*.
1395, *John Turvey*.
1398, *Ralph Gerard*
1401, *John Hancock*.
1421, *John Anghouse*.
1444, *John Samson*.
1454, *Nicholas Dallyng*.
1506, *William Cartlinch*.
1540, *Robert Nuttell*.
1550, *Richard Skippe*.
1557, *John Skot*, by the assigns of the dean and chapter of *Norwich*.
1568, *Lanc. Robinson*.

1591, *Richard Foster.*
1594, *Robert Kendall.*
In 1686, it was consolidated to *Attlebridge.*
Alexander Croshold occurs in 1690.
1713, *John Stewley.*
1729, *Lynn Smear.*

The church has two small isles, and three bells: here was the guild of St. *John* Baptist.

On a gravestone was a brass inscription, now broke off, also 4 escutcheons, only one remaining, *gules*, a fess nebuly, between six billets, *argent*, *Chape*: (as I take it) impaling *gules*, on a chevron, *argent*, three crosses pattee fitchee, of the first, *Wilton.*

On another,

Tho. Wolman, attornat. de communi banco.

Also one for *John Wilton*, impaling, *azure*, an escotheon, and orle of martlets, *argent*, *Walcote.*

Orate p. a'i'a. Rici. Angos qui obt. 20 die mens Decemb. 1523.[6]— By his will, he orders the church to be hallowed at his cost and charge, and all things concerning my Lord *Suffragan.*

In the windows of the church, the arms of the *East-Angles*, *azure*, three ducal coronets, *or.* Of *Edward* the Confessor, *azure*, a cross patonce, between 5 martlets, *or.* *Berney*, impaling *Allington*, also impaling *Southwell*, and *Jenny.*

Robert Mayn gives by will, a chief messuage in the town, to the building a porch in *Alderford* church, and a window on the south part in the 47th of *Edward* III.[7]

The temporalities of *Norwich* priory were 3*s.* 6*d.* in 1428. — Of St. *Faith's*, 6*d.*

BALDESWELL.

TAKES its name from *Bald.* *Bald* is often found in composition, thus, *Gerbaldesham*, in *Norfolk*; and may be the name of a quick running water, or river, thus, *Baldersdale* in *Yorkshire*; *Boldre* in *Hampshire.*

Godric's lordship of *Foxley* extended into this town, held by him under *Alan* Earl of *Richmond*, twelve socmen had 48 acres of land, and 2 carucates and an half, there was paunage for 10 swine, and was valued with *Foxley*; this village was 6 furlongs long, and 6 broad, and paid 8*d.* ½. gelt; whoever possessed it, besides what lay in *Foxley* was measured there: see in *Foxley.*[8]

[6] Reg. Alabaster, fol. 156.
[7] Reg. Heydon, fol. 39.
[8] Terre Alani Comitis —— Godric. tenet de eo in Baldereswella xii soc. et ht. xlviii ac. tre. sep. ii car. et dim. silva. x por. Baldereswella ht. vi. quar.

After the death of *Godric* it was granted with *Foxley*, &c. to the *Munchensys* by King *Henry* II. and so came to *Valence*, and *Hastings* Earls of *Pembroke*, and the *Greys* Earls of *Kent*. Sir *John de Grey*, Knight of the Garter, (son of *Reginald* Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn*.) In the 16th of *Henry* VI. *John Enderby, Thomas Boughton*, &c. released to *John Grey*, of *Ruthyn*, Esq. and Sir *Thomas Wanton*, Knt. this manor, &c.; to this deed hangs a seal of red-wax, of the bigness of a crown piece, with these arms, quarterly, *Grey* of *Ruthyn*; 2d, *Hastings* and *Valence*, quarterly, 3d as 2d; 4th as the first, with a label of three points, over all an helmet sideways; supporters, two goats; the crest, a wyvern, the crest of *Hastings*.

It is observable that this Sir *John Grey* was eldest son and heir of *Reginald* Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn*, then alive, and calls himself by his father's title, and died before his father; and *John de Grey*, Esq. here mentioned, was 2d son of the said Lord *Reginald*, and calls himself likewise *de Ruthyn*, and precedes Sir *Thomas Wanton*, Knt. *batchelor*, as a baron's younger son; and lastly, that the arms of Sir *John de Grey*, though a Knight of the Garter, are not incircled with the garter, it not being (as it seems) the fashion at that time.

From the *Greys* it came to the *Somersets, Cordels, Winwood, Pitfield*, and *Lombe*, &c. as in *Foxley*.

The honour of *Clare* extended into this town, and was held in *capite* by *Richard de Clare* Earl of *Gloucester* and *Hertford*, with lands in *Whitwell, Reffham, Wichingham*, &c. possessed by *Roger Jenny* under the *Mortimers* Earls of *March*, &c. in the reign of *Henry* VI.

The tenths were 3*l*. 16*s*.—Deducted 13*s*.

The temporalities of *Walsingham* priory were 1*s*. 1*d*.; of St. *Faith's*, 13*s*. 4*d*.; *Langley* abbey, 6*s*. 8*d*.

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to *All-Saints*, ancient valor 12 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence 8*d*. the present valor is 7*l*. and is discharged of the payment of tenths and first-fruits.

The church has a nave, and chancel covered with lead, and a square tower with five bells.

In the chancel lies a gravestone,

In memory of Anth. Eglington, A. M. who died March 31, 1644. *Æ*°. 27.

And one for

Henry Eglinton, who died April 5, 1681.——*Francisca, uxor Henr. Eglinton, Gen: septem liberor. mater obt. Mart.* 3, 16—*Ætat.* 30.

In the church was the chapel of our Lady; *John Beck*, in 1525, wills to be buried in this chapel, on the north side of the chancel.

RECTORS.

In 1313, *William de Measdone* was instituted, presented by Sir *Hugh de Vere*.

in long. et vi in lat: et vilid. et i obolu. de Foxle.
gello quisquis ibi teneat. pt. m'sura:

1319, *Thomas de Castel-Godric*, by *Adom. de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke.*

1323, *Adam de Mountz. Ditto.*

1333, *Alexander de Synton*, by *Mary de St. Paul* Countess of *Pembroke.*

1334, *Adam de Waynflet. Ditto.*

1357, Mr. *Thomas Gryffyn*, on an exchange for a canonry in the church of *Southwell. Ditto.*

1362, *John Tarzim. Ditto.*

1373, Mr. *John de Tinnemouth. Ditto.*

1375, *Richard de Walsham. Ditto.*

1400, *John de Welington*, by Sir *John Scroop*, and *Elizabeth*, *Hugh de Mitford*, and *William de Norton*: this Sir *John Scroop* married *Elizabeth*, daughter and coheir of *David de Strabolgi* Earl of *Athol*, and relict of Sir *Thomas Percy*, which earl married *Joan*, daughter of *John Comyn*, by *Joan* his wife, sister and coheir of *Aymer* Earl of *Pembroke.*

1419, *John Bukden*, by *Hugh Holt*, &c.

1420, *William Redere*, by *Richard Holt*, &c.

1435, *John Smyth*, by *Peter Shelton* and *Edward Hunte.*

1461, Mr. *Robert Ippeswell*, I.L. B. *Ditto.*

1467, *William Mustarder. Ditto.*

1493, Mr. *John Wardall*, S. T. B. by *George Grey*, Earl of *Kent.*

1493, *Richard Wright. Ditto.*

Adam Osee, rector.

George Grange was rector in Queen *Elizabeth's* reign, and Mrs. *Jane Allington*, patroness.

1605, *William Newport*, rector, compounded in *June.*

1614. *Edward Franklin*, compounded in *April.*

1644, *Thomas Cadiwold*, compounded in *November.*

1647, *William Wells*, compounded in *January.*

1721, On *Edm. Ivory's* death, *Robert Burrow*, rector, by *Edward Lombe*, Esq.

BELAUGH, OR BELOW, OR BELEGA,

Bespeaks a fine Water, or a River.

GINGON held this lordship under *Alan* Earl of *Richmond*, of which *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk* was lord in King *Edward's* reign, and afterwards deprived on his rebellion against the Conqueror. It contained 4 carucates of land, 9 villains, and 7 borderers, 2 carucates in demean, 4 among the tenants, &c. 6 acres of meadow, paunage for 30 swine, a mill, 1 runcus, or horse for carriage, 8 cows, &c. 100 sheep, 3 skeps of bees, and 12 socmen had 2 carucates of land, &c.; a freeman had

30 acres of land, a carucate, and an acre of meadow. It was valued with *Bee*, a beruite belonging to this town, at 3*l.* before the conquest; at the survey at 5*l.* was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 4½*d.* gelt.[9]

In the 6th of King *Richard* I. *Theobald Walter* was petent in a fine, and *William Hervie*, tenent of the 3d part of a knight's fee in this town, and that of *Boxted* in *Suffolk*, conveyed to *Theobald*, who reconveyed it to *William* and his heirs, and the said *William* released his right in all the lands which were *Hervey Walter's*, grandfather of *Theobald*: and in the 33d of *Henry* III. *Theobald le Botiller* was found to die seized, and his heir was aged 6 years, this *Theobald* was ancestor to the *Butlers* Dukes of *Ormond*.

John de Pakenham, by fine levied, purchased *A°.* 55 of *Henry* III. of *Robert Walerand*, the manor of *Belowe*, with the homages and services of the prioress of *Campese* in *Suffolk*, and of *William Hervey*, their heirs and successours, for lands in *Perham* and *Boxted*, in the said county, to be held of *Robert* and his heirs, by one penny yearly rent, and in the first of *Edward* I. by an extent of the 3d part of it, valued at 6*l.* one penny, it was found to be held by *Maud*, wife of *Robert Walerond*. *Escheat*.

In the 15th of *Edward* I. *Edmund de Hemegrave* and *Isabel* his wife, claimed free warren, view of frank pledge, assise of bread and beer, in this manor, held by one knight's fee, of *Robert* Lord *Tateshale*, and he of the Earl of *Britain*, but in the 20th of the said King, *John*, son of *William*, son of *John de Pakenham*, for 300*l.* sterling, settled this lordship with that of *Pakenham* in *Suffolk*, on *Edmund de Pakenham* and his heirs. *Edmund* was lord in right of *Mary* his wife, daughter of *Edmund Comyn*.

The said *Mary*, then widow of Sir *Edmund*, died possessed of it in the 35th of *Edward* III. and *Eufemia* was her sister and heir, who entered on it, and alienated it to Sir *Ralph de Hemenhale*, Sir *John de Wingfield*, Knt. *Gilbert de Debenham*, &c. but Sir *Roger Elmrugge* and *Elizabeth* his wife had also an interest herein, she being sister and heir of *John de la Beche*, son and heir of Sir *William de la Beche*, by *Eufemia*, who also died in the 35th of the said King, and *Elizabeth* sold her right or moiety about the same time to Sir *Ralph Hemenhale*, she survived Sir *Roger* her husband, who died in the 49th of *Edward* III. *sans issue*. Sir *Ralph* was lord in the 42d of that King, and Sir *Richard* his son in the reign of *Richard* II. but in the 5th of *Henry* IV. Sir *William Bardwell*, who married *Margaret*, daughter and heir of ——— *De Pakenham*, and *Robert Bardwell*, 2d son of Sir *William*, in 1439. At an assise in the 4th of *Henry* IV. it was found that *Hervey de Pakenham* was seized of the manor of *Belagh* and died *sans issue*, and that the said Sir *William* and *Margaret* his wife, as cousin and heir of the said *Hervey*, *viz.* daughter and heir of *John*, son of *Theobald*, son of *Thomas*, brother of *Edmund*, father of the said *Hervy*.

[9] Terre Alani Comitis. —— Belega, tenet Gingon. qua. ten Rad. Comes T. R. E. iiii car. tre. semp. ix vill. et vii bord semp. ii car. in dnio. tc. iiii car. hou. p. et m°. ii et vi ac. pti. silva xxx por. et i mol. m°. i r. tnc. viii an. m°. xii tnc. xxxv porc. m°. xl. semp. ii c. ov. m°. iii vasa apu. et xii soc. ii car. tre. tc. vi car. pt. iii m°. ii. silva xxx porc. et i lib. ho xxx ac. tre sep. i car. et i ac. pti. hic jacet i beruita que dr. Bec, &c. val. iii lib. m°. c. sol. et ht. i leug in long. et dim. in lat. et reddit. iiii*d.* et obolu. de gelt.

In the 4th year of King *Edward* IV. *Elizabeth*, widow of *John Harleston* of *Shimpling*, in *Suffolk*, died seized of this manor, of that of *Woodhall* here, and in *Billingford*.

By an inquisition taken at *Norwich*, *November* 15, in the 21st of *Henry* VIII. on the death of Sir *Richard Fitz Lewis*, who died *July* 18, *A°.* 20 of the said King, he was found to die seized of it, held of the honour of *Richmond*: he married *Alice*, daughter of - - - - - - *Harleston*, by whom he had *John*, his son and heir, who died before him, and *Ela* his daughter and heir, married to *John Mordaunt*, son and heir of Sir *John Mordaunt* Lord *Mordaunt*. The tradition is that *John*, son and heir of Sir *Richard*, with his wife, were burnt in their bed on the wedding night at *West-Horndon* in *Essex*.

John Lord *Mordant*, who married *Ela* abovementioned, by his will dated *September* 20, 1549, gave to his son *Edmund* this manor, with that of *Billingford*, but *Edmund* dying young, it came to his elder brother, *Lewis* Lord *Mordant*.

After this *Clement Corbet*, LL. D. was Lord Chancellor of *Norwich*, and by his wife *Elizabeth*, daughter of ——— *Kemp*, he left a son and 5 daughters.

John Bendish, Esq. purchased it of the *Corbets*: this *John* was son of *Thomas Bendish* of *Wichingham Magna*, by *Mary* his wife, daughter of ——— *Dersley* of *Catlidge* in *Suffolk*, who was son of *John Bendish* of *Wichingham* (by *Audrey* his wife, daughter of *Thomas Hervey* of - - - - in *Essex*, relict of *Francis Polsted*) son of *John Bendish* of *Steeple Bumsted* in *Essex*, by *Margery*, daughter of *Thomas Crawley* of *Loughs* in *Essex*. *John Bendish* aforesaid, who purchased this manor, lived here, and married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *William Edwards* of *Wisbeach* in the Isle of *Ely*, Gent. and left a son and heir, *John*, born in 1664, in which year *Elizabeth* died.

The tenths were 4*l.* 4*s.*—Deducted 24*s.*

The CHURCH was dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*, and was appropriated to the priory of *Butley* in *Suffolk*, by *John* of *Oxford* Bishop of *Norwich*: it was a rectory valued at 6 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence 5*d. ob. Walter Ly Hert* Bishop of *Norwich* certified that there was no vicarage, and that the priory paid to the King for a whole tenth 8*s.* in 1461. The abbot of *Nutley* had a portion of tithe valued at 10*s.*

The church has a nave, and a chancel, and there is one bell.

In the nave a gravestone,

In memory of John Bendish, late of Bylaugh-Hall, Esq. and of Sarah his wife, only daughter of Sam. Walton, of Spalding in Lincolnshire, Gent. who died 1707, *aged* 43, *and by her last will and testament appointed Anne, daughter of Thomas Edwards, late of Wisbeach, Esq. her sole executrix, who as a testimony of her love and gratitude to her deceased friends, erected this monument.*

On a gray marble, the portraiture of a knight in complete armour, and his lady in brass,

Orate p. aia. Dni. Joh. Curson, militis, qui ob. 20 *die mensis Januarij in festo dic. Fabiani et Sebastiani A°. Dni.* 1471, *ac p. aia. Dnc. Joh. consortis sue que obt. die mens.* - - - -, *A°. Dni.* 14 - - - -, *quor. aiab; &c.* his arms tore off, over her head, - - - - - - -, on a chevron, three boars heads couped.

Against the chancel south wall, on a marble monument, the arms of *Corbet, or*, a raven proper, impaling *Kemp, gules*, three garbs in a bordure ingrailed, *or*;

Ad pedem hujus monumenti jacet, cum Elizabethâ uxore, venerabilis super vir Dns. Clemens Corbet, quam parvis cancellis, animi dum vixit magni cancellarius, sed et qualis inter vivos fuerat, viator, paucis accipe, unius uxoris maritus, quam merito dilexit unice, ex quâ unius filij, quinq; filiarum pater evadit, et sic p' cepit qui in memoriam eorum, hoc monumentum extrui curavit, Samuel Corbet.

Under this stone lye the bodies of Dr. Clemt. Corbet, who died 28, *May* 1652, *and Elizab. his wife, who dyed July* 17, 1644.

In memory of John Bendysh, Esq. who depd. Janu. 25, 1676, *Elix. his wife, who depd. July* 17, 1664, with the arms of *Bendish*, impaling, a fess, *ermine* between three mullets, - - - -, *Edwards.*

Frances Curson buried in the church, in 1542: *Audrey Curson*, in 1544: *John Curson*, Esq. in 1545.

BECK, OR BECK-HALL,

WAS at the survey a village, an hamlet, or beruite, belonging to *Alan* Earl of *Richmond's* manor of *Below*; and was measured and valued as may be seen in *Below*; there were also 3 villains who resided here and held land in *Forley*, under *Godric*, and he of Earl *Alan*; and takes its name from a little beck, or stream of water, that runs by it.

Walter de Bek was lord in the 18th of *Henry* II. and paid to the sixth scutage for the marriage of the King's eldest daughter, and for the army in *Ireland*, assessed at 20s. for a knight's fee; the said *Walter* was also living in the 2d and 8th of *Richard* I. and paid scutage.

In the 24th of *Henry* III. a fine was levied before *Ranulf*, abbot of *Ramsey*, &c. and *Simon de Hedersete*, petent, and *Richard de Bek*, tenent of one messuage with the appertenances, and 40 acres of land in *Bek*, and in *Belaugh*. *Robert Attebek* and *Maud* his wife held lands here in the 33d of *Edward* III. and *Thomas de Beck* in the 9th of *Edward* II.

In the 8th of *Richard* II. *William Curson*, escheator of *Norfolk*, had a lordship in *Beck*, *Belaugh*, and *Billingford*. Sir *John Cursoun* recovered against *Andrew Hokere*, master of the hospital at *Bek*, 2 messuages and 130 acres of land in *Belaugh*, *Billingford*, &c. in the 20th of *Richard* II.; this Sir *John* died, as I take it, a prisoner in *Spain*, with the Earl of *Pembroke*, soon after.

By the escheat rolls in the 11th of *Edward* IV. Sir *John Curson* was found to die seized of the manors of *Beck-Hall* in *le Becks* in *Belaugh*, of *Belaugh*, *Bintre*, *Willey*, *Dersingham*, in *Norfolk*, *Bergh* in *Saxham*, and *Fornham*, in *Suffolk*, &c.; his will is dated *January* 10, 1471,

requires to be buried in the church of *Bylaw*, at the chancel door, under the rood loft, and to have a gravestone of the price of 8 marks;[a] gives legacies to the poor tenants of several towns, to *Anne*, his daughter 50 marks for her portion, to *Elizabeth*, the same, to *Catherine* 20, *Thomas* his son and heir, *John*, *William*, and *Edward* his sons; *Jane*, his wife (surviving him,) *Isabel*, late wife of *William Curson*, to have an annuity of 40s. for life, out of the manor of *Barrow* in *Suffolk*, and his wife the manor of *Ingaldesthorp*, and *Babingle* wood for life.

Thomas Curson, Esq. was his son and heir by *Jane*, daughter of ——— *Bacon*, and lord in the 18th of *Henry* VII. by his will dated *November* 20, 1511, he requires to be buried in the church of *Billingford*, and was proved *November* 3, 1512: by *Dorothy* his wife, daughter of *John Clopton*, Esq. he had *John*, his son and heir, aged 29 at his death.[a]

John Curson, Esq. of *Beck* Hall, in *Belagh*, died in the first year of King *Edward* VI. and left *William*, his son and heir, who had livery of this manor, &c. and died seized in the 14th of Queen *Elizabeth*, and *Thomas* was found to be his heir, by *Thomasine*, daughter of Sir *Robert Townsend*, chief justice of *Chester*, who being remarried to *William Rugge*, Esq. of *Felmingham*, was lord in her right; she died here, and was buried in the church of *Billingford*.

Thomas Curson, Esq. had a *præcipe* in the 52d of Queen *Elizabeth*, to deliver it to *Christopher Crow*, Gent. and *Robert Tilney*, Gent.

After this, it was conveyed to Sir *Edward Coke*, by the said *Thomas*; and his immediate heir, the Earl of *Leicester*, died seized of it in 1759, and his lady now possesses it.

At this old village of *Beck* was an hospital founded by *William de Beck*, for poor travellers, who were to be entertained one night; there were 13 beds for that purpose. It was valued at 5*l*. and the patron of the church of *Belaugh* paid a pension of 13*s*. 4*d* *per ann*. to it; it stood on the road from *Norwich* to *Walsingham* and *Lynn*.

MASTERS.

Richer or *Richard*, chaplain to *William de Bec*, was appointed by him first master or custos of the hospital, which he built here.—*Richer* occurs master in the 24th of *Henry* III. and resigned it then.—*Simon de Hederset* admitted master in the 24th of *Henry* III.—*Willium* occurs master *ao.* 52 *Henry* III.—*John de Geiste*, master.—*Thomas*, parson of the chapel of St. *Thomas* the Martyr of *Beck*, recovered a mill with the appertenances, in *Iteringham*, belonging to this chapel, against *Hervey de Stanhow*, in the 14th of *Edward* I.—1309, *Gilbert de Burewell* custos, collated by the Bishop of *Norwich*.—1314, *Nicholas de Ayshefeld*, *ditto*.—*Robert de Plecheſdone*, custos.—1332, Mr. *Roger de Hederset* collated by the Bishop; he was rector of *Billingford*.—1352, *John de Wineston*, *ditto*; he was rector of *Badingham*.—1352, *Roger Aslak*, *ditto*.—1354, *Robert Markhaunt*, *ditto*.—1358, *Richard Roche*, *ditto*.—*Roger Hedersete*.—Mr. *Thomas de Hedersete*, presented by King *Edward* III. in his 43d year, the see of *Norwich* void.—1372, *John de Waltham*, by the Bishop.—1372,

[a] Regist. Betyns, fol. 107, 6. [a] Reg. Johnson.

Mr. *John de Babingle, ditto.*—1375, Mr. *John Clervaux, ditto.*—1379, *Andrew Hoker,* rector of *Swanton Morley,* by *ditto.*—1387, Mr. *John de Haldenby, ditto.*

1416, *Henry Kays,* rector of *Fakenham* in *Norfolk,* by the Bishop's vicar general.—1419, *William Sponne,* by the Bishop.—1447, *John Knolles, ditto.*—1453, Mr. *William Hopper,* decret. doctor.—1454, Mr. *John Selot,* decret. doctor, *ditto.*[3]—1489, Mr. *Thomas Schenckwyn,* LL. D. *ditto.*—1497, Mr. *Robert Honeywood,* LL. D. *ditto.*—Mr. *William Soper.*—*Roger Rawlyns.*

1527, *Thomas Gayton,* by the Bishop.

William Read, master of the chapel of St. *Paul,* for the fulfilling of a certain covenant, between *John Corbet,* senior, and *Augustine Stiward,* citizen and alderman of *Norwich;* and the aforesaid *William,* and *John Curson,* Esq. released and quit-claimed for himself and successours, to the said *John Curson,* and his heirs, all his right, title, &c. as well in the chapel of St. *Paul* of *Beck,* as in the manor of *Bek* in *Billingford,* and *How,* and the appertenances in *Norfolk,* and in all messuages, lands, services, &c. belonging to the said manor, lying in the city of *Norwich,* in the villages and fields of *Billingford, Hoo, East Dereham, Swanton Morley, Todenham, Beteley, Bytering, Brisley, North Elmham, Woodnorton, Giestwick, Dallyng, Folsham, Sparham, Iteringham, Mendylesham, Wichingham,* St. *Faith's* and St. *Mary's Huckford, Refham, Whitewell, Bawdswell, Ringland, Bintre, Belaugh,* &c. dated *October* 1, *ao.* 57th *Henry* VIII. and confirmed by the Bishop, and dean and chapter of *Norwich, October* 14, in the said year.——It was valued in the King's books at 4*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.*

On the site of this hospital the *Cokes* built a good seat, as appears from their arms over the porch, &c. and it was esteemed to be in the parish of *Billingford.*

It appears from the deed of *William de Bec,* the founder, that *Richard,* his chaplain was admitted to this mastership, by *Alan,* the Bishop's official, or vicar-general, presiding in the consistory court of *Norwich,* and that it was well endowed, for him, and certain chaplains; that the said *William* granted to *Pandulph,* then Bishop of *Norwich,* and his successours, the right of patronage of his hospital of St. *Thomas* the Martyr, and St. *Paul* of *Bec,* by deed, dated at *London, November* 12, 1224.

In the 52d of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between Friar *William,* master of the hospital, petent, and *Henry* of *Swanton,* tenent, of 23 acres of land in *Hoo,* St. *Werburge,* granted to the hospital. The master impleaded *John de Beck,* in the 16th of *Edward* I. for taking and impounding his hogs, in *Belaw,* and *Foxley,* in a place called *Denes,* and the jury find that the master had right of common there.

On its dissolution, the hospital, with its lands, and a manor belonging to it, came to the Crown, and was granted by letters patent, dated *May* 26, *ao.* 3 and 4 of *Philip* and *Mary,* to Sir *John Perrot,* Knt. with court letes, weifs, strays, &c. who in the said year, *May* 28, granted them to *Thomas Rochester,* and *John Waldgrave,* Gent. to be held of the manor of *East Greenwich,* by the 20th part of a fee; after this it was purchased by Sir *Edward Coke,* the judge, and so descended to the late Earl of *Leicester.*

[3] Nich. Goldwell was master in the 2d of Henry VII. 1486.

BILLINGFORD.

TORD was lord before the conquest. A freeman, who held 3 carucates of land, 7 villains, 8 borderers, and 2 servi belonged to it, and 3 carucates in demean, 8 carucates among the tenants, &c. a mill, and 5 acres of meadow, and 6 socmen belonged to it with 48 acres, which Earl *Ralph* took away, but *Alan* Earl of *Richmond* had them at the survey, &c. there were 70 sheep, 10 cows, 4 skeps of bees, valued at 4*l. per ann.* it was one leuca long, and half a one broad, paid 8*d.* halfpenny gelt; the soc was in the King's manor of *Folsham.*[4] *Ralph Peverell* was lord at the survey, and *Humfrey* held it under him.

Ralph Peverell, lord at the survey, was a *Norman*, married the Conqueror's concubine, and had besides this lordship, those of *Walsingham, Carlton, Melton*, and *Keteringham*, in the hundred of *Humbleyard*, and that of *Rueshale* in the hundred of *Earsham*; by his wife, *Maud*, a *Saxon*, daughter of *Ingelrick*, founder of the college of St. *Martin's le Grand* in *London*, he had several children.

William de Fregos was lord, and by deed, *sans* date, gave to R. prior of *Acre*, the convent, with the consent of his son, to the honour of the Virgin *Mary*, the tithe of his mill of *Belingford*, of 10*s. per ann.*[5]

In the 3d of *Henry* III. *Jeffrey Fregos* held it of the honour of *Peverell*. In the 34th of that King, the jury find that *Richard de Bec* had no right to fish unless for eels, at the sluices of the 2 mills here; *Geffrey* was found, in the 40th of the said reign, to have held it in *capite*, by the fourth part of a fee, and *Robert* was his son and heir, aged 24, (*Esch.*) which *Robert*, in the 49th of that King, had a charter for free warren in his demesne lands.

Tho. Fregoz had also lands here, but King *Henry* III. on his taking part with the rebellious barons, gave them to *Luke de Napier.*[6]

On an inquisition taken in the 3d of *Edward* I. before *William de Gyney, Richard de Bellhous, William de Merkeshale*, the jury find that *Geffrey Fregoz*, when lord, gave to *Peter de Mealings* 60 acres of land; that *Nicholas*, son and heir of *Geffrey*, sold also to *John de Pakenham*, and *Isabel* his wife, five men *cum totâ sequelâ*, and a tenement of the yearly value of 45*s.* for the service of one pair of spurs, and that the said *Nicholas Fregoz* sold to the master of *Bec* hospital, 18 acres of land with a foldage for 300 sheep, and 7*s.* rent *per ann.*

[4] Terre Rannulfi Peverelli.——Billingeforda ten. Tord. i lib. ho. T. R. E. iii car. t're. mo. tenet Humfrid. sep. vii villi. et viii bor. et ii ser. tc. iii car. in d'nio, p. et dim. mo. ii tc. et p. viii car. hou' mo. v. et iii car. possent fieri. silv. xii por. et i mol. et vi ac. p'ti. hic p'tinebant T. R. E. vi soc. xl. viii ac. et Rad. Comes abstulit, et mo. tenet Comes Alanus, sep. i. r. et x an. et xvi por. lxx ov. mo. iiii vasa apu' semp. val. iiii lib. et ht. i leug. in long. et dim. in lato. et reddit viii*d.* et obolum. q'cq. ibi teneat soca in Folsham Regis.

[5] Reg. Castleac. fol. 58. 6.

[6] Ragman's Reg. in the Exchequer.

and the rest of the manor he conveyed to *Robert Burnell*, then lord of it, but they knew not by what service he held it. This *Robert Burnell* was a great purchaser, lord chancellor, and Bishop of *Bath* and *Wells*, who dying in the 31st of *Edward* I. Sir *Philip Burnell* was his nephew and heir; whose son *Edward* died possessed of it, in the 9th of *Edward* II. *sans* issue, and *Maud* his sister and heir, the wife of Sir *John Handlo*, possessed it; this *John* and *Maud* in the 14th of *Edward* III. settled this lordship, which *Alice*, widow of *Edward* Lord *Burnell*, held for life, with those of *Bysingham* in *Gloucestershire*, and *Bydiford* in *Somersetshire*, on *Nicholas* their son and heir, who presented to this church in 1379, by the name of Sir *Nicholas Burnell*, Lord *de Holgot*, and in 1386, and 1401, Sir *Hugh Burnell*.

In the 4th of *Henry* V. *Edward* Lord *Burnell*, was found to be son of Sir *Hugh*, and to have left by *Jocosa* his wife, 3 daughters and coheirs; *Joyce*, married to *Thomas Erdington*, Esq.; *Catherine*, aged nine; and *Mary*, 6 years, after married to ——— *Hungerford*.

On a division of the estate, this came to *Catherine*, who married Sir *John Ratcliff*, ancestor of the Earls of *Sussex*; and *Thomas* Earl of *Sussex* had livery of it in the 4th and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary*.

In the 8th of *Elizabeth*, *William Curson*, Esq. was lord and patron, and his son *Thomas* conveyed it to Sir *Edward Coke*, ancestor to the Earl of *Leicester*, the late lord, whose lady now enjoys it.

The family of *Charles* had an interest here, and presented to the church in 1308, and 1309.

In the 33d of *Edward* I. *Joan Charles*, widow of *William Charles* of *Ketleburg* in *Suffolk*, was found to die seized of one fee here, held in *capite*, and *Edward* was her son and heir; there was a capital messuage with lands, and 2 watermills valued at 11*l. per ann.* in the said year he had a grant of a fair and free warren, in this town, and a grant of a mercate, a fair, and free warren, at *Milton* in *Northamptonshire*; he paid 5*l.* relief for this manor, held of the honour of *Hatfield Peverel* in *Essex*. He was lord of this town and of *Lisland* in *Norfolk*, in the first year of *Edward* II. when *Thomas de Spanton* impleaded several of this lord's tenants, for breaking his fold in this town, and it was proved that according to the custom and practice of *Norfolk*, no person had a right to erect a fold in his own land, except the lord, unless for some particular, special reason or grant from him, where no fold had been used to be erected, and it being proved that the said *John*, and his ancestors, never had any fold, and that it was to the injury and prejudice of the lord, and contrary to the custom and practice of *Norfolk*, the said *John* was amerced for so doing.

Edward Charles, son and heir of *Edward*, was lord in the 37th of *Edward* III. Sir *Robert Charles*, son and heir of Sir *Edward*, was lord of this town and *Ketleburgh*, and was succeeded by his son, Sir *Thomas Charles*, and *Thomas* his son was lord in the 6th of *Edward* IV. and was after united to the aforesaid lordship.

The Church is a rectory; the ancient valor was 13 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence 8½*d.* The present valor is 7*l.* 10*s.*

It consists of a nave and a north and south isle, covered with lead, and a chancel with tile, all much out of repair; at the west end is a square tower, on which is raised an octangular one, with 2 bells. In

the chancel windows were the arms of *Burnell, argent*, a lion rampant, *sable*, crowned, *or*, in a bordure *azure*. In the north isle the remains of a large and handsome pew, belonging to *Beck*-Hall, of oak, with a cover. On the heads of the seats are many arms carved rudely; *ermine*, on a chief, *gules*, five lozenges, of the first, as born by Sir *Edward Charles*, in the reign of *Edward* I. *ermine*, a bend compony, *argent* and *sable; Curson.* A saltire ingrailed, probably *Kerdeston;* a goat salient, *Berdwell;* three crescents, *Thorp;* a chevron, between three eagles heads erased, &c. On an old pulpit cloth the arms of *Rugg; gules*, a chevron engrailed, between three mullets pierced, *argent*.

In the reign of *Henry* III. the patronage was in the family of *Fregoz*.

RECTORS.

And *Henry Fregoz* occurs rector in the 34th of that King.

In 1308, *Henry de Hales* was admitted rector, presented by Sir *Edward Charles*.

1309, Mr. *Hugh de Schales*. *Ditto*.

1311, *Remigius de Hedersete*, by Sir *Edward Burnel*.

1313, *Roger de Hedersete*. *Ditto*.

1375, *Hugh de Caus*.

1379, *Philip de la Lee*, by Sir *Nicholas Burnel* Lord *de Holgot*.

1386, *Roger Pickyn*, by Sir *Hugh Burnel* Lord *Holgot*.

1389, *John Broughton*. *Ditto*.

1401, *John Merse*. *Ditto*.

1422, *Ad. Osyn*, by *John* Lord *Talbot*, and *Wr. Hungerford*.

1435, *John Smith*, by *Peter Shelton*, and *Edward Hunte*.

1451, *William Waryn*, by *John Feryz* and *Catherine* his wife, relict of Sir *John Ratclyff*.

1455, *John Adam*, by *Edward Grey* Lord *Hastings*.

1461, Mr. *Robert Ippewell*, LL. B. *Ditto*.

1467, *William Mustarder*. *Ditto*.

1483, *David Fulberston*, by *John Radclyff* Lord *Fitz-Walter* of *Attleburgh*.

1493, Mr. *John Wardall*, S. T. B. by *George Grey* Earl of *Kent*.

William Armitage, rector, compounded for first fruits in *April*, 1596. Mr. *William Rugg* patron, in right of his wife *Thomasine*, widow of *Thomas Curson*, Esq.

Richard Cleburn, rector, compounded in *January*, 1642.

Mr. *Ivory* occurs rector in 1715.

John Francis occurs rector in 1727, died rector 1742; and *Thomas Scot* was presented by the Lord *Lovell*.

1763, Mr. *Carrington*.

The Earl of *Leicester*, late patron, now his lady.

Here were the gilds of St. *Mary*, and the *Trinity;* to one of these the church was probably dedicated.

Humpfrey, son of *Albert*, had also a lordship in this town, granted him by the Conqueror, on the expulsion of a free woman, one carucate of land, one villain and 7 borderers, belonged to it, with one carucate in demean, one among the tenants, 2 acres of meadow, and a mill; when he entered on it there was one runcus, always 5 cows,

and 60 sheep, valued at 40*s*. The soc was in King *Edward's* time, in the King's manor of *Folsham*, but *Humphrey* had it at the survey.[7]

Humpfrey had also a lordship in *Ridlesworth*, by *Thetford*, but both of them soon after came to *Ralph Peverell*, and this was by that means joined to his abovementioned lordship in this town; there were also at the survey, 2 borderers belonging to *Foxley* manor, who lived here.

BRANDESTON AND GUTON.

BRANDESTON was a small lordship, or beruite, belonging to King *Herold's* great lordship of *Cawston*, in *South Erpingham* hundred, and at the conquest was possessed by King *William* I. We learn from the survey, that 4 freemen formerly held here (under *Herold*) 52 acres of land, with a carucate and a half and 8 acres of meadow, &c. and that it was valued in *Causton*.[8] It remained in the Crown many years; King *John* granted it with *Causton* to be held in *capite* of him, to *Hubert Burgh* Earl of *Kent*, and was held of him by the family of *De Peccato*, or *Peche*, and after by the family of *de Gyney*, as I shall show.

Guton was a considerable town and lordship, at the time of the survey, though now depopulated, and included in *Brandeston*, and was wrote *Gutheketuna*.[9]—*Lestan*, a freeman, was on the conquest deprived of it, and it was granted to *Toheli Brito* of *Britagne* in *France*, who attended the Duke of *Normandy* into *England*, and had also the manors of *Calthorp*, and of *Boton* in *South Erpingham*, bestowed upon him; and *Osbert* held this under *Teheli*, at the survey. In *Lestan's* time, 4 carucates of land belonged to it, 9 villains, &c. 17 borderers, &c. 2 servi, 2 carucates in demean, and 4 among the tenants, 30 acres of meadow, &c. a mill, 4 runci, 8 cows, 14 skeps of bees, and 18 socmen, and there were 18 socmen with 112 acres of land, and one borderer, and 4 carucates and 3 acres and an half of meadow; the King and the Earl had the soc. It was valued before the survey at 4*l*. and then at 6*l*. *per ann*. was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 7*d*. to the King's gelt.

[7] Terre Humfridi filij Alb.—In Bilingeforda i car. t're. ten. i lib'a fem'a. p. man. T. R. E. sep. i vill. et vii bor. sep. i car. in d'nio. et i car. ho'um. et ii ac. p'ti. et i mol. qu' rec. i r. mo. null. sep. v. an. et lx ovs. sep. val. xx sol. soca in Folsha'. regis T.R.E. mo. tenet Humfrid.

[8] Terra Regis——In Brantestuna iii libi. ho'es. lii. ac. t're. et i car. et dim. et viii ac. p'ti. silva vi por. et su't in p'tio. de Caustona.

[9] Terre Teheli——Gutheketuna tenet Osb. qua' tenuit Lestanus, i lib. ho. T. R. E. iiii car. t're. tc. et p. ix vill. mo. iiii tc. et p. xvii bor. mo. xv et ii s. tc. et p. ii car. in d'nio. mo. iii sep. iiii car. ho'um et xxx ac. p'ti. silv. lx por. et i mol. sep. iiii r. tc. xiii an. mo. xiiii tc. et xiiii vasa apu' et xviii soc. tenet ide'. cxii ac. t're. et i bor. tc. et p. iiii car. mo. iii et iii ac. et dim. p'ti. sup. totu' Rex et Comes soca'. tc. et p. val. iiii lib. mo. vi' lib. et ht. i leug. in long. et dim. in lato, et reddit viid. in geltum regis.

The family of *Peche* had an interest in this town, and Sir *Andrew de Helion*, of *Bumpstead*, in *Essex*, certified the venerable barons of the Exchequer, on the marriage of the King's sister, to the Emperour *Germany*, about 1234, that *Symon Peche* held 3 parts of a fee of him, in *Gukenton*, *Norfolk*.

William Peche, son of *Simon*, was living in the reign of *Edward* I.; his daughter and heir brought it by marriage to *Roger*, 2d son of *William de Gyney*, who in the 10th of that King, then a knight, was summoned to attend that King in his expedition into *Wales*. Sir *Roger*, and *Margery* his wife, claimed in an assise, the advowson of the church of *Brandeston*, against *Robert Fitz-Roger*, which *Simon Peche*, his wife's grandfather, was possessed of. In the 15th of the said King, he claimed a weekly mercate on *Friday*, a fair on the decollation of St. *John Baptist*, and free warren.

He was living in the 3d of *Edward* III. and *Margery* his widow in the 7th of that King, settled by fine, on *Thomas* their son, a mill, with rents in these towns, and 4*l*. 2*s*. rents *per ann*. This *Thomas* married *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Thomas Mortimer*;[7] in 1378, she made her testament, which was proved *October* 24, 1378, and desires to be buried in the church of Sir *Nicholas* of *Brandeston*, near to her husband, and appoints her son, Sir *John Gyney*, executor.

In 1400, Sir *Thomas Gyney* gave by his will, dated *September* 22,[8] to *Cecily* his wife, all his goods and chattles, and was proved *July* 10, 1403; she was in the 13th of *Henry* IV. the wife of Sir *Thomas Gerberge*, and Sir *Thomas Gyney* her son, by his will, dated *May* 1, in the 5th of *Henry* V. and proved *February* 10, 1420, bequeaths his body to be buried in the *Augustin* friars church at *Norwich*, and sums of money to the churches of *Brandeston*, *Woodnorton*, *Geist*, *Patesley*, *Swannington* in *Norfolk*; *Geslingham* and *Gestington* in *Suffolk*;[9] he seems to have left an only daughter, *Margery*, who, as lady of *Guton* Hall, presented to this church in 1431.

After this, Sir *John Fastolf* was lord, and presented to the church in 1448, and so to *John Paston*, Esq. in the 18th of *Edward* IV. the jury find that it would not be to the King's prejudice if license was granted to *William Waynfleet* Bishop of *Winchester*, &c. to alien to *William Tyberd*, clerk president of St. *Mary Magdalen's* college, in *Oxford*, in part of satisfaction, for 500*l*. land, the manors of *Guton* in *Brandeston*, (and the advowson) in *Titchwell*, *Brancaster*, *Thornham*, and lands in *Holm*, *Reedham* Hall in *Boyton*, the manors of *Spirling* in *Freston*, *Caldecotes* in *Freston*, *Akethorp* in *Leicestershire*, *Haverland*, &c. lately belonging to Sir *John Fastolf*, and after to *John Paston*, Esq. and in the said college *Guton* Hall remains.

In the chamber of this hall were the arms of Bishop *Waynfleet*; fusily, *ermin* and *sable*, on a chief of the second, three lilties, *argent*, with a mitre, and the garter, as prelate of that order.

the tenths were 3*l*. 10*s*. deducted 10*s*.

The Church of *Brandeston* is a rectory; the old valor was 18 marks, paid *Peter*-pence, 8*d*. the present valor is 7*l*. 12*s*. 6*d*. *ob*. it is dedicated to St. *Nicholas*, consisting of a nave or body, and a chapel,

[7] Reg. Heydon. fol. 108.
[8] Reg. Arsik, 296.
[9] Reg. Hurning, 48.

and a round tower at the north-west end of the nave. In a window of the chancel, *gules*, an escotheon, and orle of mattlets, *argent*, *Filby*; three reed sheafs, *or*, *Reedham*; paly of six *or*, and *gules*, and a chief, *ermine Gynney*. In a window of the church, the figure of St. *Nicholas* under it a woman kneeling, in a scarlet gown, and a girdle of gold, and this labble:

Serve Dei Nicholae, mei Christo memor esto.

In another window the history of the Good *Samaritan*.

RECTORS.

In 1338, *Thomas Andrew*, instituted rector, presented by *Thomas*, son of Sir *Roger Gyney*, deceased.

1349, *John de Mastingham*, by Sir *Thomas Genye*.

1357, *Roger de Felthorp*. *Ditto*.

1402, *Elyas Heyward*, by *William Brown*, clerk.

1431, *Henry Helwys*, by *Margery Gyney*, in right of the manor of *Guton*, in *Brandeston*.

1431, *John Folsham*. *Ditto*.

1448, *Thomas Hoop*, by Sir *John Fastolf*.

1475, *Adam Middlegate*, by *William* Bishop of *Winchester*.

1506, *Bartholomew Jolly*, by the Bishop of *Norwich*, a lapse.

1531, Mr. *John Brisset*, by *Magdalen* college, *Oxford*.

1551, *Richard Hay*. *Ditto*.

1556, *Richard Blanch*, A.M. *Ditto*.

1559, *John Brown*. *Ditto*.

1560, *Henry Kirke*. *Ditto*.

1561, *John Mapes*. *Ditto*.

1571, *Christopher Sankey*. *Ditto*.

Thomas Potman, rector, compounded in 1686.

1733, *George Burton* on the death of *Joseph Furze*.

1742, *William Howard*.

1744, *John Audley*, D. D. by *Magdalen* college.

Margery de Boton, was an anchoress here, in the church, as I take it. The temporalities of St. *Faith's* 12*s.* 8*d.* Of *Longeville* priory 12*d.*

BYNTRE-HASTINGS MANOR.

On the deprivation of *Edric*, a *Saxon* freeman, this lordship was granted to *Walter Giffard*: it consisted of a carucate of land, 3 villains, and 9 borderers, &c. 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants, 8 acres of meadow, &c. 60 sheep, valued at 20*s.* but at the survey at 55*s.* and 4 freemen had a carucate of land, and 2 carucates and 3 acres of meadow, and one borderer valued at 20*d.* at the survey at 12*s.* the soc of this in King *Edward's* reign, belonged to *Folsham*, the King's manor, but at the survey *Giffard* had it. It is 5 furlongs long, 3 broad, and pays 12*d. ob.* gelt to the King.[1]

[1] Terre Walti. Giffardi——Binnetre ten. Edrici. hb. ho. T. R. E. i car t're. sep. iii vill et viiii bor tc. i s. sep ii car. in d'nio. et ii car. hom. et viii ac. p'ti. mo. ix por. et lx ovs. tc. val. xx sol. p. et mo. lv. et iiii lib. ho'es. i car. t're. sep. ii car. et i bor. et xii ac. p'ti. tc. val. xx. mo. xii sol. soca istius t're. t. r. e. jacuit in Folsham Regis. mo. ht. Walts. et ht. v qr. in longo, et iii in lato, et reddit xii*d.* et ob. de gelto regis.

Walter was a great favourite of *William* Duke of *Normandy*, and created by him Earl of *Buckingham*, which his son *Walter* enjoyed, who died without issue male, and came on the marriage of his daughter ——, to the Earls of *Clare*.

This lordship was held by the *Marshals* Earls of *Pembroke*, of the honour of *Clare*, and of the *Marshals*, by a family who took their name from this town; all *Giffard's* manors came to the Earls of *Clare*, who were the capital lords.

Eborard de Bintre, in the 2d of King *John*, complained that he had been impleaded by *Herebert* his brother, in a court christian, on account of a lay fee; and *Bartholomew de Bintre* held here, and in *Geystweyt*, half a fee of the Earl of *Gloucester*, in King *Henry* the Third's reign, and *Edward* I.

In the 11th of *Edward* I. *John le Marescall* held of the Earl of *Gloucester*, the advowson of this church, 2 water-mills, &c. as appears by the escheat rolls; *Roger de Bintre* was in the 8th of *Edward* II. found to hold one fee here, &c. in the 10th of that King, lands were settled by fine, on *Richard de Byntre*, and *Rose* his wife; and in the 19th, *Robert de Bintre*, chaplain, conveyed to *William*, son of *John de Byntre*, lands, messuages, &c.

Thomas de Byntre was living in the 18th of *Edward* III. and sealed with ——, on a bend, cottised, —— three cross crosslets, with *Margaret* his wife, held a lordship here, with one in *Irmingland*, in *Norfolk*, both which after came to *William Hastings*, of *Aylsham*, and Sir *John de Bintre*, son of *Ralph*, had an interest here in 33d of *Edward* III.

Sir *John Curson* of *Beck* hall and *Below*, was lord of *Hastings* in the 4th of *Edward* IV. and died seized of it in the 11th of that King. *John Curson* of *Belaugh*, died possessed of it in the first of *Edward* VI. and *William*, his son and heir, inherited it; *Thomas*, son of *William Curson*, had livery of it in the 20th of *Eizabeth*. These all held of the *Marshals*, the *Morleys*, who had the patronage, and the *Parkers*, and was sold by them.

After this, it was conveyed to Sir *Thomas Hunt*, Knt. soap-boiler of *London*; *William Hunt* his son, and *Thomas* his grandson, inherited it, and from this family it came to Sir *Jacob Astley*, Bart. whose grandson, Sir *Jacob*, died lord, and his son, Sir *Edward*, is the present lord.

LANGETOT MANOR.

In the first year of King *John*, *Gilbert de Langetot* bought of *William de Bellomont* of *Saxlingham*, 2 knights fees, and a part of one in *Bintre*. *Alexander de Norfolk* gives by deed, *sans* date, with the assent of his Lady *Emma de Langetot*, and the Lady *Muriel* her daughter and heirs, to God and the canons of *Missenden*, in *Bucks*, all his land in the village of *Binetre*, in *Norfolk*, which *Jeffrey*, son of *William*, and the said *Emma* his wife, gave to him, for his services, paying 12*d.* *per ann.* *Emma de Langetot*, with the consent of *Muriel* her daughter, confirmed the same, and gave 12*d.* of the tithe of *Alan de Burfeld* of *Bintre*, to the said convent.[a]

[a] Regist. Missend. fol. 87, &c.

In the 11th of King *John*, *Muriel de Langetot* conveyed by fine, one carucate of land, to *Alan de Singlefeld*, and the abbot and canons of *Missenden* grant to *William de Englefeld*, and his heirs, all the land in *Bimitre*, which *Alan de Norfolk* gave them, on his paying 7*s. per ann.* to them; and in the 24th of *Henry* III. *Godfrey de Langetot* held of *William de Englefeld*, 2 knights fees and an half in this town, *Wichingham* and *Saxlingham*, &c. and acknowledge by fine to do service to him.

Robert Langetoft was lord in the 22d of *Richard* II. and held it of the Earl of *March*; it was in the same family in the 38th of *Henry* VI. after this, it came to the *Cursons*, and united to *Hastings* manor.

The prior of *Walsingham* had lands here. *Adelicia*, widow of *Jeffrey Baynard*, of *Bynetre*, gave rents, as did *Albinus de Standford*, and *William Smyth*, *John*, son of *Warine de Lettey*, *Robert de Gloze*, and *William*, son of *Richard de Thurston*, gave lands. Sir *William*, son of Sir *Robert de Morley*, confirmed all the lands in *Folsham*, *Byntre*, *Geyst*, &c. of the gift of Sir *John Mareschall*, senior, and *Oliva* his wife, and to have court as they used to have, in the 26th of *Edward* III. in 1428, their temporalities were valued at 12*s.* 8*d. q.*

On *April* 11th, in the 4th of *Edward* VI. this was granted to *Thomas* Bishop of *Norwich*, and his successours.

The tenths were 7*l.* 14*s.* 8*d.* deducted 3*l.*

In the parlour window of *Bintre Curson's* manor, are the arms of *Howard* Duke of *Norfolk*; the quarterings broke.

Felton, and *Curson*, quarterly, impaling *Drury*. *Felton*, quartering, in the second and 3d quarter, *Curson*, in the 4th, an harpy or sphinx, displayed, *or*.

The CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to St. *Swithin*, has 2 isles, with a chapel on the south side, also a chancel, and square tower, with four bells.

In the chancel a stone,

In memory of Thomas Hunt, rector, about 1510, and *For Ralph Outlaw, who died rector* 1688, *aged* 68.

In a window the arms of *Morley*. *Edward Style* of *Bintre*, buried in the church, 1465, and gave land to the covering of it.

RECTORS.

Richard de Langbrigg was rector in the 3d of *Henry* III. and the church was then in the patronage of the King, and valued at 30 marks, afterwards at 20 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence, 10*d. ob.* the present valor is 10*l.*

1270, *William de Wintershull* instituted rector, presented by the King, on account of the lands of *William le Marshall.*

1299, *Robert de Brampton*, by Lady *Hawys le Marshall.*

1303, *John de Burgh. Ditto,*

John de Colton, rector.

1316, *John Bacoun. Ditto.*

1318, *John de Halys. Ditto.*

1349, *Thomas Aloi*, by Sir *Robert de Morle.*

1361, *William Chattocke*, by Sir *William Morle*, lord marshal of *Ireland*.
1367, *William de Berton*. *Ditto*.
1388, *Robert Ward*, by *Thomas* Lord *Morley*.
1396, *Thomas Dale*. *Ditto*.
1405, *William Ewen*. *Ditto*.
1409, *John Rumley*. *Ditto*.
1413, *William Rumley*. *Ditto*.
1426, *John Brewster*, by *Ann* Lady *Morley*.
1445, *Andrew Dean*, by Lady *Isabella Morley*.
1490, *Andrew Holley*, by *John* Duke of *Norfolk*, on the minority of *Henry Lovell* Lord *Morley*.
Thomas Hunt, occurs rector 1510.
1611, *Edward Rix*, rector, compounded in *April*.
Henry Barton, rector, compounded *April* 7, 1636.
Robert Hewet, rector, compounded *January*, 1642.
1688, *George Featherstone*.
1721, *John Hardy*, by Sir *J. Astley*.
Ralph Outlaw, died rector.
1724, *Thomas Astley*. *Ditto*.
1743, *T. Horsely*. *Ditto*.
1754, *Richard Drake*, by *Edward Astley*, Esq.
1759, *John Astley*, by Sir *J. Astley*, Bart.

Besides the lordship of *Walter Giffard*, abovementioned, *Godric*, the King's bailiff, or steward, had 20 acres of land, 2 acres of meadow, and a carucate which 2 freemen possessed, in King *Edward's* time, valued at 3*s*.[3] This came to the *Giffards* some time after, and was united to their manor.

Hagon or *Hacon*, *prepositus Regis*, the King's reeve or bailiff, had, at the survey, an hundred acres of land, 10 socmen, and 4 carucates were among the tenants, with 7 acres of meadow, valued at 20*s*.[4]

Hacon had also small lordships in *Geyst*, *Geystweyt*, *Norton*, *Weston*, *Sparham*, *Tytheby*, *Thirning* in *Eynford* hundred, and in *Sall*.

This lordship was also united to *Giffard's* capital manor soon after the survey.

[3] Terre Godrici Dapiferi—In Binetre ii libi. ho'es. xx ac t're. et ii ac p't. sep. j car. et valet iii sol.

[4] Terre Hagonis—In Binetre ten. Hagon p'positus Regis c. ac. t'rs. sep. x soc. sep. iiii car. int. ho'es, et vii. ac. pt'i. sep. val. xx sol.

ELSING

Was the lordship of *William* Earl *Warren: Toke*, a *Saxon* thane, was lord of it in the reign of the Confessor, and *Fredericus* after him, but at the survey, on his expulsion, we find it held of the Earl *Warren* by *Wimer: Toke* had 2 carucates of land held by 6 villains, and 12 borderers with 4 servi, and there were 3 carucates in demean, 4 among the tenants, with 7 acres of meadow and of wood, 300 acres, two mills, 2 runci (horses for work,) 10 cows, and 40 swine, 40 sheep, 12 skeps of bees, and a church endowed with 18 acres of land, and one of meadow, always valued at 4*l. per ann.* and was of the fee of *Frederic*; it was one leuca long, and half a one and one rood broad, and paid 8½*d.* gelt.[s]

El is the initial syllable of many towns, and signifies water, and *Ing* is a meadow; *El* is also a river, as *Elwick*, in *Durham*, *Elford*, *Northampton*, &c.

Wimer, who held under Earl *Warren*, was his grand dapifer, or steward, and was enfeoffed of many lordships; from his family (who assumed the name of *De Gressenhale*, of which they were also lords,) it came by *Isabel*, sole heiress to the *Stutevilles*, barons of the realm, and from them it came by an heiress to Sir *Richard Foliot*, in the beginning of King *Edward* the First's reign.

In 1328, the Lady *Margery de Foliot* presented to this church, relict of Sir *Jordan de Foliot*, her son Sir *Richard* dying *s. p.* his two sisters, *Margery*, the wife of Sir *Hugh de Hastings*, and *Margaret*, wife of Sir *John Camois*, were his coheirs; Sir *John* and his Lady released their interest in this town to Sir *Hugh* and his Lady.

Sir *Hugh* was son of Sir *John de Hastings*, Lord *Abergavonny*, by *Isabel* his 2d lady, daughter of *Hugh Le De Spencer* Earl of *Winchester*; this Sir *Hugh* built the church of *Elsing*, and was there buried in 1347, as was his lady in 1349.

Sir *Hugh Hastings*, lord in the 3d of *Richard* II. had the grant of a mercate, and 2 fairs in a year, at this town, on the death of Sir *John Hastings*, *s. p.* in the 20th of *Henry* VII. it was found that he held this lordship of the dutchy of *Lancaster*, and *George Hastings*, Esq. his brother, was his heir.

John Hastings, Esq. son and heir of Sir *Hugh*, dying *s. p.* in the 35th of *Henry* VIII. left 2 sisters and coheirs, *Anne*, the eldest, married *William Brown*, Esq. second son to Sir *Anthony Brown*, master of the horse to King *Henry* VIII. and Knight of the Garter, and in her right was lord of this town and of *Wesenham*.

[s] T're. Willi. de Warrenna——Helainga Wimerus tenet qd. tenuit Toca i lib. ho. T. R. E. ii car. t're. sep. vi vill. ſc. xii bor. mo x tc. iiii s. tc. et p iii car. in d'nio. mo. ii tc. iiii car. ho'u. p. et mo. iii et vii ac. p'ti. silv. ccc. et ii mol. sep. ii r. et x an. et tc. xl por. mo. xiiii sep. xl ov. et xii vasa apu' et i eccliа xviii ac. et i ac. p. sep. val. iiii lib. hoc e. de feudo Fretherici et ht. i leug. in long. et dim. in lato et i virgata et redd. viiid. et obolu' in geldu' regis.

Of the descendants and families of *Wimer, Stutvile, Foliot* and *Hastings*, see at large in the town of *Gressenhale*.

Anne, daughter of *Ant. Brown*, Esq. was baptized at *Wesenham* in 1578.

Anthony, son of *Thomas Brown*, Esq. baptised there in 1611, as was *William*, son of *Thomas*, in 1615.

Thomas Brown, Esq. kept his first court at *Wesenham*, in 1631.

Thomas Brown, Esq. of *Elsing*, had a daughter, *Camilla*, married to *Thomas Edwards*, Gent. (of *Wisbeach*) at *Elsing* in 1659.

William Brown, Esq. of *Elsing* was lord in 1696, and by *Ann* his wife left *Thomas*, his son, the last heir male of this family, who by *Mary* his wife, daughter of *Roger Pratt*, Esq. of *Ruston*, in *Norfolk*, had a daughter and heir, *Mary*, married to ——— *Green*, Esq. lord in her right.

The CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to ----------, the ancient valor was 15 marks and paid *Peter*-pence 7*d.*; the priory of *Castleacre* had a portion of tithes, being two parts of the demeans of *William de Stutevil*, patron of the church of *Ausing* (as it is sometimes wrote) which the prior and convent let to farm to Master *Ralph*, rector, and his successours for ever, in 1251, at 2 marks of silver for ever, and confirmed by the Bishop and chapter, and patron;[6] the present valor is 5*l.* 11*s.* 9*d. ob.* and is discharged of tenths, &c.

RECTORS.

In 1328, Master *Richard de Shropham*, instituted, presented by Lady *Margery de Foliot*.

1330, Mr. *Matthew de Wygenhale*. *Ditto*.

1349, *William de Swynflete*, archdeacon of *Norfolk*, by Lady *Margaret de Hastings*.

1361, *John de Haldenby*, by Lady *Margery*, wife of Sir *Hugh Hastings*.

1388, *John Braun*, by Lady *Ann*, relict of Sir *Hugh Hastings*.

In 1435, *September* 12, Sir *Edward Hastings* presented.

In 1485, Sir *Hugh Hastings* presented.

Mr. *Robinson*, rector.

John Hardy, died in 1738, and

Thomas Inyon succeeded, presented by *Thomas Brown*, Esq.

1741, *Edward Barnwell*. *Ditto*.

1744, *Thomas Eglington*, D. D. *Ditto*.

1747, *John Wilson*, by Mrs. *Mary Brown*.

The church is covered with lead and the chancel with tiles.

In the tower, which is four square, are 5 bells.

In the east window of the chancel are the portraitures of Sir *Hugh de Hastings* and the Lady *Margaret* his wife, who built the church; Sir *Hugh* in armour with his tabord of arms over it, and on his knees; that of his lady has on her gown, also her arms, &c. and on her knees; each supporting with both their hands a church, setting forth themselves as the founders; under him, *or*, a maunch, *gules*, with a file of

[6] Regist. Castleacre, fol. 127.

three points, *argent*, as of a younger family, and under her, *Hastings*, impaling, *gules*, a bend *argent*, *Foliot*. In the midst of the chancel lies a large marble gravestone, whereon has been a rim of brass with an inscription, now spoiled, and the conclusion of it only remaining, viz. *Cum Pater, Ave.* On this is the portraiture of a knight in complete armour, a lion at his feet, with the arms of *Hastings* over his head, 2 angels support his helmet; in memory most likely (as by its site) of the founder.

Under them remains, *in gwowe worchipe, yis churche hath been wrowt by Howe de Hastyng and Margaret hys wyf.*

On an altar tomb, on the north side, with the arms of *Brown*, *sable*, three lionels passant, in bend, between two double cottises, *argent*, impaling.

Here lyeth Dame Anne, Sir Anthony Browne his wife,
In hope of resurrection unto life.
Whose lively working faith by charity,
Deserves an everlasting memory.
Seventy-two years she lived, a blessed adge,
And finished in peace her pilgrimadge.
She dyed 5 Oct. 1623.

Two blessed babes, her sonnes, with her doe lye.
Francis the one, the other Anthonye.
Where reste they three, 'till latter daye,
Shall rayse them up to endles. joye.

Here is also another altar tomb, deprived of its brasses and inscription; by the incision of the stone to receive the brass letters, it appears to have been very ancient,

* * * *Enterre: Fut: comfrare: Manour: Saint: FRAVNCES* * * * * * *BOVRLE: GIST: JCI: DE: KY: ALME: DEV: EYT: MERCY:* probably in memory of some rector, who was a friar *Franciscan.*

I also find that Sir *John Hastings*, and the Lady *Anne* his wife, daughter of Lord *John Morley*, were here buried, about 1471.

On a gravestone, with the arms of *Berney*,

Here lyeth Wm. Berney, 4th son of Sir Richard Berney, Bt. aged 31, and died in 1658.—*Also Rd. Berney, his only son, aged 23, and died in* 1675.

One,

In memory of Mary, daughter of Tho. Brown, Gent. and Mary his wife, buried Dec. 14, 1720.

On another,

Mole sub hac lapidum Thomasia conditur Hardy,
Esingæ vivens, Gloria, Fama Decus;
Ante alias celebris pietate, laboribus, ore:
Vana, Deum, requiem, sprevit, amavit, habet.
Mortem obt. 12°. *Oct.* 1714.

In the church were the arms of Lord *Bardolph*, *Vere* Earl of *Oxford*, *Hastings*, and *Valence* Earl of *Pembroke.*

FOLSHAM.

At the survey the Conqueror was lord; it was one of the lordships that King *Edward* the Confessor died possessed of, when it consisted of 12 carucates of land and 3 acres, 30 villains, 38 borderers, 40 acres of meadow; 2 carucates in demean, 18 carucates among the tenants, paunage for 400 swine, 1 mill and a church endowed with 16 acres. When the Conqueror entered on it, there was one runcus, 3 cows, &c. and 60 sheep, with 50 goats. In King *Edward's* time there were 30 socmen, 11 acres of land, 5 carucates with 5 acres and an half of meadow, and *Walter Giffard*, at the survey, had 6 of these socmen. The lordship then paid 13*l.* by tale, and 13 sextaries of honey, a customary duty, and 23lb. by weight and 11*l.* 4*s.* money refined, (*blancas*) as some; but rather quitrent, and 10*s.* for honey; it was one leuca long and one broad, and paid 8*d. ob.* to the King's gelt, and the church had 22 acres. Two freemen were added to the manor, by *Ralph Talibose*, in the Conqueror's time, as the hundred witnesses, with 14 acres of land, and half a carucate and an acre of pasture, valued at 4*s.*[7]

It remained in the Crown, as ancient demean, till King *Richard* I. on his return from the *Holy Land*, granted it to Sir *Baldwin de Betun* Earl of *Albemarle* and *Holderness*, with the hundred of *Eynford:* in 1194, he was sent by *Leopald* Duke of *Austria*, to acquaint King *Richard*, that if he did not perform the treaty made with him, he would kill all his hostages,[8] which obliged the King to send *Alianore*, daughter of *Constance*, Dutchess of *Britain*, by *Geff. Plantagenet* Duke of *Anjou*, with *Baldwin*, to be married to the son of Duke *Leopald*, but it did not take effect, by the death of that Duke.

Baldwin was brother to the Earl of *Flanders*, and had of the gift of King *Richard* many lordships in *Bucks*, that of *Brabourn*, &c. in *Kent*, and by his deed *sans date*, with the consent of *Hawys* his wife, granted to *Robert Constable* 100*s. per ann.* out of his lands in *Holderness:* his seal to this, was - - - - - - -, on a chief, - - - - -, three bendlets, - - - - - -, armed cap-a-pee on horseback, in full career, sword in hand: by *Hawys* his wife, daughter and heir of *William le Grosse* Earl of *Albemarle*, he had a daughter and heir, *Alice*, married to *William*

[7] Terra Regis.——Folsham tenuit R. Rex, xii car. tre. et iii ac. tc. xxx vill. p' et m°. xxx iii tc. et p' ea. xxxviii bord. mo. xliiii et xl ac. p'ti. tc. et p' ii car. in dnio. mo. iii tc. et p' xviii car. hom. mo. xx silva ad cccc. por. tc. et p' i mol. mo. ii i eccl'ia. xvi ac. qndo. recep. i r. mo. ii tc. iii an. mo. xli tc. xlvii porc. mo. l et mo. lx ov. sep. l cap. tpe. r. e. xxx soc. mo. xxiiii. i ac. tre. x ac. semp. v car. et v ac. et dim. p'ti et vi de his tenet mo. Walter Gifard tne. val. xiii lib. ad numerum, et xiii sextarios mellis, cum consuetudine, et xxiii lib. ad pensu. mo. xi lib. et x sol. blancas, p' melle. et ht. i leu. in long. et i in lato, et reddit viii*d.* et obolu. in gelto regis. i eccla. xxii ac. huic manerio adjuncti sunt ii lib. hoes. p. Radulfu. Talibosc. T. R. W. hoc. testat. hundred. xiiii ac. tre. sep. dim. car. et i ac. pti. sep. val. iiii sol.

[8] Lobineau Hist. Bretan. v. i. p. 176.

Mareschal Earl of *Pembroke*, to whom *Baldwin*, with the license of King *John* in his 2d year, gave it in free marriage.

John le Marshall was found to die seized of it, with the advowson and hundred of *Eynford*, in the 6th of *Edward* I. and in the 15th of that King, the jury find that *William*, son of *John le Marshal* held it of the Earl of *Gloucester*, and honour of *Clare*, who held it *in capite*. *William* was under age, and claimed a weekly mercate on *Tuesday*, view of frank pledge, assise of bread and beer, a gallows, and that the lordship was worth 40*l. per ann.*

John le Mareschall, his son and heir, died lord in the 10th of *Edward* II. *sans p.* leaving *Hawyse* his sister and heir married to Sir *Robert de Morley*; in the family of the Lords *Morley* it remained, till *Alianore*, daughter and heir of *William* Lord *Morley*, brought it by marriage to *William*, a younger son of *William* Lord *Lovell* of *Tichmarsh*, who died seized of it in 1475. *Henry Lovell* Lord *Morley*, his son and heir, being slain at *Dixmude* in *Flanders*, in 1489, left no issue by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *John De la Pole* Duke of *Suffolk*, so that it came by *Alice*, his sister and heir, to Sir *William Parker*, and was held of the honour of *Clare*. *Edward Parker* Lord *Morley*, his descendent, sold, *September* 4, 1582, this manor and hundred of *Eynsford*, to Sir *Thomas Hunt*, of the Fishmonger's Company, in *London*, a great benefactor to their alms-house at *Newington* in *Surry*: by his first wife *Margaret*, widow of *John Warner* of *London*, was father of *William Hunt*, of *Hilderston*, Esq. who had 2 sons. *Thomas*, of *Sharington*, in *Norfolk*, and *George*, his 2d son, of *Hilderston*, who sold this manor to Sir *Jacob Astley*, Bart.

Sir *Jacob Astley*, Bart. was the late lord, and had the lete, and is now enjoyed by his son Sir *Edward*.

SWANTON'S MANOR.

Sir *Baldwin de Betun* gave to *Geff. de Hesseltone* 60*s.* in land, and rent *per ann.* to be held by the service of the 6th part of a fee, held by *Warine de Thymilthorp* in the 3d of *Edward* I.; and in the 9th of *Edward* II. the heir of *John de Swanton* was lord of it.

In the 47th of *Edward* III. *Robert Cursyon* of *Honygham* granted to *William Cursyoun* of *Berford*, the manor of *Swanton's*, in *Folsham*, with a messuage toft, 120 acres of land, 8 of meadow, 18 of pasture, 4 of alderground, one of marsh, 4*s.* rent, with 6 hens, and 6 capons in this town, *Byntre*, *Geyst*, *Sparham*, &c. and a messuage and garden, called *Spinkes*, in St. *Peter's* of *Manscroft*, in *Norwich*, with the advowson of *Twyford* church, which he had of *Thomas Cursyoun*, of *Byntre*.

Thomas Curson, of *Folsham* conveyed by fine to *James de Billingford*, &c. this manor in the 13th of *Richard* II. in trust, and in the 18th of that King released to *John Curson* all his right herein.

Robert Bowse and *Dorothy* his wife, *Rose Brown* and *Mary Brown*, conveyed by fine, in the 26th of *Henry* VIII. this lordship, in *Folsham*, *Twyford*, *Geyst*, &c. to Sir *Robert Townshend*, who died seized of it in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, and *Thomas* was his son and heir.

WALSINGHAM-PRIORY MANOR.

Sir *Baldwin de Betun* granted to *Giles de Cotys* 100*s.* rent, which the prior of *Walsingham* held of him in pure alms.

John Marshall, lord of this town, granted to the prior, for his soul's health, and that of *Oliva* his wife, *William* Earl *Mareschall* and *Isabel* his wife, and of *John Mareshall*, his father, and *Alice*, his mother, 60 acres of land, in his wood of *Folsham*, by the perch of 20 feet, with a way on the west towards *Norton* 2 perches broad, with common of pasture, and the soke of *Folsham*; he confirmed also the lands which *Richard de Burgh* of *Swanton* held of him, and had given them in *Loch*. *Oliva Mareschall*, by her deed and fine levied in the 35th of *Henry* III. gave them 12 acres, an 100*s.* rent here and in *Byntre*, with a fold course, fishery, &c.

The temporalities of this priory were valued in 1428, at 4*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.* *per ann.*

King *Edward* VI. on *April* 11, in his 4th year, granted it to *Thomas* Bishop of *Norwich*, and his successours, with a close called *Little Divillings*, or *Dallings*, and *Dove-House* close.

CREKE-ABBEY MANOR.

William Mareschall Earl of *Pembroke*, lord of the town, gave to *Alan de la Hythe* 100*s.* rent of land *per ann.* by the service of one pound of pepper, which the abbot of *Creke* then held, by the same service, from whom it came to *John Mareschall*, who gave it to the priory of *Walsingham* with 3 marks and a half rent *per ann.* in pure alms. *William de Camera* had 20 acres of land also, which the abbot of *Creke* then held.

John de Havering and *Joan* his wife, granted to *Geffrey*, abbot of *Creke*, 14 marks, and 40 pence in *Folsham* and *Byntre*, by fine, in the 55th of *Henry* III. He was son of *Richard de Havering*, who settled on him and his wife, in tail, 9*l.* 10*s.* rent *per ann.* here, and in *Havering*, and *Bocking* in *Essex*. This lordship, on the Dissolution, was granted to *Christ* college in *Cambridge*, and is now held of that college.

In 1420, their temporalities were 1*l.* 17*s.* 4*d.*

Major General *Skippon* was possessed of a considerable freehold estate in this town, which descended to his son, Sir *Philip*, who married *Amy*, daughter and heir of *Francis Brewster*, Esq. of *Wrentham* in *Suffolk*, by whom he had a son, *Philip*, who died unmarried, and was buried at *Edwardeston* in *Suffolk*, in 1716; his 2d wife was *Mary*, daughter of Sir *Thomas Barnardiston* of *Kediton*, by whom he had a daughter, *Mary*, who married *Joseph Brand*, Esq. 2d son of Sir *John Brand* of *Edwardeston*.

Skippon bore *gules*, five annulets, *or*, *Brewster*, *sable*, a chevron, *ermin*, between three estoils, *argent*. This came after to the *Athills*.

The temporalities of *Cokesford* priory were 7*s.* 6*d.* *Roger Scot*, and *Margaret* his wife conveyed lands to *John*, prior, and the convent, in the 35th of *Henry* III.

There is an hamlet belonging to this town, called *Thymblethorp*, and there was an ancient family of that name, several of which were buried here.

The town, as royal demean, pleaded an exemption from toll, &c.

The tenths were 9*l.* 2*s.* Deducted 52*s.*

The CHURCH is rectory, dedicated to the Holy Innocents, formerly valued at 49 marks, had a vicarage valued at 4 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence 8*d. ob.* The present valor is 27*l.* 14*s.* 9*d. ob.* and pays first fruits and tenths; it was built by the Lord *Morley*, and consists of a nave, 2 isles, and a chancel, and has a square tower with 5 tuneable bells.

On the north side of the chancel is a monument for Sir *Thomas Hunt*, who is in armour, and his three wives kneeling behind him;

Here lyeth interred the bodies of Sir Thomas Hunt, knight, lord and patron of this church, who died January 5, 1616, *and gave* 10*l. for ever, towards the maintenance of the organs of this church; 53s. 4d. for ever, to the poor of Hilderston in this county; and* 20*l. per ann. for ever, to the poor of the worshipful company of fish-mongers of London; and* 53*s. 4d. for ever, to the poor of the parish of St. Dunstan in the east, London; and* 53*s. 4d. for ever, to the poor of Camberwell in Surry: he had* 3 *wives; first, Margaret, widow of John Warner of London, merchant; the* 2*d, Jane, widow of Thomas Grimes, Esq.; the* 3*d, Dame Elizabeth, widow of Sir Francis Cherry, yet living: He had by Margaret* 2 *sons, William Hunt of Hilderston, Esq. son and heir; and Nicholas of London, merchant, by the providence of God, deceased before him;* and these arms, per pale, *vert* and *or*, a saltire counterchanged, on a canton, *gules*, a lion passant of the 2d, impaling, *gules*, on a fess, between four lis, *or*; - - - - - *or*, three barrulets, *gules; argent*, on a fess between four barrulets, wavy, *azure*, three lis of the first.

In the chancel window are the arms of *Parker* Lord *Morley*, with his quarterings; *argent*, a lion passant, *gules*, between two bars, *sable*, charged with three bezants, 2 and 1, and as many bucks heads caboshed in chief, of the 3d; *Parker*, quartering Lord *Morley*, and barry, nebuly, of six, *or* and *gules*, *Lovell*; *azure*, lion rampant, and seme of lis, *or*, *Holland*; *gules*, a bend, lozengy, *or*, *Marshall*; crest, a bear, *sable*, muzzled, *or*, supporters, two antelopes, *argent*, armed chained and collared, *or*.

Over the arch of the west door of the church, *France* and *England* quarterly, and the Lord *Morley*, *argent*, lion rampant, *sable*, crowned, *or*.

Here is a neat font of stone, with a wooden cover, which opens below, and therein are the four Evangelists painted.

In the church,

Orate p. a'i'ab; Tho. Thymbelthorp et Johanne uxor. ej. qui obt. Feb. 25, 1526.

Orate p. a'i'a. Nichi. filii et heredis Robti. Popi, gen.

In the windows *vert*, an escotheon, and orle of martlets, *argent*, *Erpingham*; crest, on an helmet, a chapeau, *or*, and a bunch of ostrich feathers issuing out of a ducal coronet, *gules*; cheque *or* and *sable*, a fess, *argent*, *Thorpe*, and Lord *Scales*.

In the churchyard is an altar monument of stone about 6 feet, &c. long, and about 3 feet high, and round this is an inscription, which for the antiquity of the letters, order, and disposition of them, has been engraven by the Society of Antiquaries, and is, *Rob.art.* COLLES. CEC.I.LY. HIS. VIF.[a] Each letter has a coronet over it. I find this *Robert Colles* witness to a deed of *Ralph Bateman* of *Folsham*, and *Alice* his wife, living in the 20th year of *Henry* VII.

Here was the guild of Holy Trinity. *Edmund Ryx* wills to be buried in this church; in 1504, gives to the new guild of *Jesu*, 6*s.* 8*d.* and 20*l.* to the repair of the church, and that "the boke of the ser-"vice of the transfiguration of *Christ*, be bought on my coste, and "whatsoever it coste, a chrismatory of silver, and one acre of land "to keep his obit."[b]

Also St. *Catherine's* guild, the lights of St. *Catherine*, St. *Mary*, St. *Nicholas*, St. *Peter* and St. *Margaret*.

Here was also a famous image of St. *Botolph*, and I find a pilgrimage to it in 1505.

RECTORS.

Anselm le Grois occurs rector in the 3d of *Henry* III. presented by *William Marshall* Earl of *Pembroke*.

In 1307, *Robert de Bodekesham* instituted vicar, presented by *Robert de Say*, rector.

1310, *Philip de Wanton*, rector, presented by *Hawyse le Mareschall*, assignee of *William le Mareschall*.

1321, *Roger de Swathyng*, rector, by Sir *Robert de Morley*.

1327, *Bartholomew de Godelesford*, by Sir *Robert de Morley*.

1331, *Richard de Blacolvestre*. *Ditto*.

1334, *Fulco de Monpinzoun*. *Ditto*.

In a north window of the chancel was this legend:

Fio Fulconis Montpynson lux ego donis,
Nunc orare velis, maneat quod deniq; cælis.

1384, *Henry Curson*, by *William* and *John Curson*.

1399, *William Cave*, by *Thomas* Lord *Morley*.

1405, Mr. *Maurit. de Caumpeden*. *Ditto*.

1408, *William Peck*. *Ditto*.

1409, *Walter Thetford*. *Ditto*.

1412, *John Birlingham*. *Ditto*.

1413, *John Pelle*, by *Anna* Lady *Morley*.

1437, *John Lesingham*, by *Isabel* Lady *Morley*.

Thomas Wode, rector.

1481, *William Lambert*, by *John* Duke of *Suffolk*, on the minority of *Henry Lovell* Lord *Morley*.

1497, Mr. *Michael Diacony*, S. T. P. by Sir *William Parker*, in right of his wife, *Elizabeth* Lady *Morley*.

1494, *Thomas Larke*, rector, by Sir *Richard Guilford*, and Sir *Thomas Lovell*.

1515, *John Wisdom*, by *Alice* Lady *Morley*.

Mr. *F Seymer*, S. T. P. rector.

[a] Robart Colles Cecily his wife. [b] Reg. Rix, fol. 1..

1551, *Christopher Meltham*, by *Henry Waller*, M. D. assignee of *Henry* Lord *Morley*.
1556, *Charles Parker*, by *Henry Parker* Lord *Morley*.
1572, *John Cooke*, S. T. B. by *Margaret*, relict of *Nicholas Carr*, M. D. assignee of the Lord *Morley*.
1585, *Edward Grant*, S. T. B.[a] by *Thomas Hunt*, Gent.
1594, *Richard Hunt*, rector.
1620, *Henry Burton*, by *Stephen Burton*.
Philip Tenison, S. T. P. died 1660.
1660, *Herbert Astley*, by *William Cook*, trustee of Sir *Jacob Astley*; he was afterwards dean of *Norwich*, &c.
1681, *Charles Spicer*, alias *Helder*. *Ditto*.
1713, *Henry Colman*, S. T. B. by Sir *Jacob Astley*, Bart.
George Featherstonhaugh died rector 1721,—and
Richard Warner was then presented by *ditto*.
1722, *William Selth*. *Ditto*.
1724, *John Tompson*. *Ditto*, resigned.
1743, *Henry Rice*. *Ditto*.

Ful or *Fol*, gives name to many towns, as *Fulham*, *Fouldon*, *Foulmere*.

FOXLEY.

At the grand survey, *Alan*, the great Earl of *Richmond*, was the capital lord of this manor, of which *Lord*, a freeman was deprived, and *Godric*, the King's sewer or bailiff, held it under *Alan*: it then consisted of 3 carucates of land and 10 villains, (3 of these lived in *Beck*) and of 21 borderers, two of these lived in *Billingford*; there were also 2 servi, and 3 carucates in demean, and 3 carucates and 3 acres of meadow among the tenants, paunage for 300 hogs: when *Godric* entered on it, there were 2 runci, now but one, 14 cows, &c. and there had been 60 goats, at the survey none, also there were now 7 skeps of bees; two socmen in this village, and 12 in *Balderswell*, held 48 acres of land, and 2 carucates and an half, &c. It was formerly valued at 100*s*. *per ann*. afterwards at 8*l*. and now at 10*l*. *per ann*. was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 8*d*. halfpenny to the King's gelt.[b]

[a] Edward Grant was master of Westminster school, prebend of Ely, Westminster, &c.

[b] Terre Alani Comitis——Foxle ten. Godric. qua' ten. Lord i lib. ho. T. R. E. mo. Alan. et Godric. de eo iii car. t're. sep. x villi. et iii de his manent in Bec et xxi bord. et ii de his manent in Billingeford, tc. ii ser. sep. iii car. in d'nio. et tc. v car. hom'u' p. et mo. ii. et iii ac. p'ti. silva ccc. por. qu'. recep. ii r. mo. i mo. xiiii an. tc. xxx por. mo. xxii tc. xl ov. mo. c. tnc. lx cap. mo. nulla. tc. v vasa apu' mo. vii. et ii soc. in ead. vill'a et in Baldereswella xii et ht. xlvi i ac. tre. sep. ii car. et dim. silv. x por. tnc. val. c. sol. p. viii lib. mo. x lib. et ht. i leug. in longo et dim. in lato et reddit viii*d*. et obolu' in geltu' Regis.

How it passed from *Godric*, or when, does not clearly appear, but this, with many other lordships held by him, seem at his death, to have eschaeted to the Crown, and were granted by King *Henry* II. to Sir *William de Monte Canisio*, or *Munchensy*, grandson of *Hubert Munchensy*, who lived at the time of the Conquest.

Sir *Warine de Munchensie* held one fee here in demean, in the 20th of *Henry* III. and Sir *William* his son, was found, in the 3d of *Edward* I. to have free warren, and had unjustly appropriated to him the said liberties in *Balderswell*; he was also found to hold 2 fees here, and in *Cley*, of the honour of *Richmond*, paying 20*s. per ann.* castleguard to the honour of *Richmond*, which were extended at 45*l. per ann.* and had view of frankpledge, assise of bread and beer, &c. and in a roll of gaol delivery at *Norwich*, before *Richard Boyland*, and *Hervey de Stanhow*, and *Robert Baynard*, knights, justices in the 11th of *Edward* I. several malefactors were indited for trespasses in *Foxley-park*.

This Lord *William* left an only daughter and heiress, *Dionysia*, who married *Hugh de Vere*, a younger son of *Robert de Vere* Earl of *Oxford*, and dying without issue, it descended to *Adomare de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke*, son and heir of *William de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke*, by *Joan* his wife, sister and heiress of *William* Lord *Munchensie*, which said *Aymer* was found, in the 17th of *Edward* II. to die possessed of it; and the Lady *Mary de St. Paul*, his widow, held it in dower at whose death, without issue, it came by marriage of *Isabel* (first sister and coheir to *Aymer de Valentia*) to *John Hastings* Lord *Abergavenny*.

John de Hastings Earl of *Pembroke*, lord of *Weysford*, and *de Bergavenny*, by deed, dated *March* 2d, in the 43d of *Edward* III. constituted *Walter Amyas*, parson of *Framingham* in *Suffolk*, &c. his feoffees in trust for the manor of St. *Florence*, and 40*l.* rent *per ann.* in the seignory of *Castle Martyn* in *Pembrokeshire*, in *Wales*, with the lordships of *Saxthorp*, *Goderston*, *Holckham*, and *Burgh* in *Norfolk*, held in dower by *Mary de St. Paul* Countess of *Pembroke*. *John Hastings*, the last of that name, Earl of *Pembroke*, dying without issue, in the 13th of *Richard* II. *Reginald* Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn* was found to be his cousin and heir, of the whole blood, as lineally descended from *Elizabeth*, sister of *John de Hastings*, and daughter of *John de Hastings*, Lord of *Abergavenny*, by *Isabel*, sister and coheir to *Aymer de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke*.

In this family, Lords of *Ruthyn*, and Earls of *Kent*, it was in the 20th of *Henry* VII. when *George Grey* Earl of *Kent*, left it to *Richard* his son and heir, who wasted great part of his estate in gaming, &c. and died in or about the 15th of *Henry* VII. at the *George* Inn, in *Lombard*-street, *London*, and was buried in the church of *White-Friars*, in *Fleet*-street: he sold this manor, with those of *Sparham* and *Baldeswell*, to Sir *Charles Somerset*, natural son of *Henry Beaufort* Duke of *Somerset*, created Lord *Herbert* of *Gower*, and of *Chepstone*, by King *Henry* VII. and Earl of *Worcester*, by King *Henry* VIII. to whom he was lord chamberlain: by his will, dated *March* 21, 1524, he orders his body to be buried in the collegiate church of *Windsor*, by his first wife, in the chapel of our Lady, and if he died so far off that his body cannot be carried to *Windsor* in 4 days, then to be buried in the next abbey or priory: gives to his wife, *Eleanor*,

600 marks in plate, and all his jewels, chains, &c. to his son *Henry*, his harness and artillery; his goods to be divided into 3 parts, one part to his son *Henry*, another to his son *George*, and the 3d part to his wife *Eleanor*; the manor of *Brickhill*, in *Buckinghamshire*, to his said wife for life, and after to his son *George*; his manor of *Badmundsfeld*, and *Roydon* in *Suffolk*, with those of *Foxley*, *Baldeswell*, and *Sparham*, which he bought of *Richard Grey* Earl of *Kent*, to the said wife, remainder to the children and heirs of him and her.

About this time, this lordship was valued at 25*l. per ann.* and 9*s.* whereof in rent resolute to the King, 20*s. per ann.* and the bailiff's fee 3*s.* 8*d.*

Sir *George Somerset*, 3d son of Sir *Charles* Earl of *Worcester*, lord of this manor, married *Mary*, daughter and heir of Sir *Thomas Boreley* of *Penhow* in *Monmouthshire*, Knt.; he lived at *Wickham-Brook* in *Suffolk*. On an inquisition taken *post mortem*, *June* 6, in the 2d of Queen *Elizabeth*, he was found to die on *May* 10, last past, leaving *Charles* his son and heir, aged 24, who married *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *George Griesley* of *Colton* in *Staffordshire*.

After this, it was possessed by Sir *William Cordel* of *Long Melford* in *Suffolk*, eldest son of *John Cordel*, Esq.[4] of *Long Melford*, (second son of *Edm. Cordel*, Esq. of *Edmundton* in *Middlesex*,) by *Emma* or *Eve*, daughter of *Henry Webbe* of *Kimbolton* in *Huntingdonshire*; Sir *William* was bred a lawyer, was speaker of the parliament, privy counsellor, master of the rolls to Queen *Mary*; he married *Mary*, daughter and heir of *Richard Clopton* of *Castelyns* in *Groten*, *Suffolk*, and *Mary* his wife, daughter and heir of Sir *Richard Bozun* of *Lincolnshire*, Knt. but died *sans* issue, on *May* 17, in the 23d of *Elizabeth*, and was buried in the church of *Long Melford*, under a fair tomb, having founded an alms-house in the said town, and endowed it well in diet and clothes for the poor. On his death it came to *Francis* his 2d brother, who died before he had livery of it; then to *Edmund*, his 3d brother, who died without issue, and so it descended to *Joan* their sister and heir, married to *Richard Allington*, Esq. 2d son of Sir *Giles Allington* of *Horseheath* in *Cambridgeshire*; the said *Joan* dying on *January* 4, in the first year of King *James* I. left 2 daughters and coheirs; *Mary*, who married Sir *John Savage* of *Clifton* in *Cheshire*; Sir *Thomas Savage* was their son, created Viscount *Savage*, and father of *John*, who was created Earl *Rivers*, and sold his right in this lordship, *Baldeswell* and *Sparham*, to Sir *Ralph Winwood* of *Ditton-park* in *Bucks*, secretary of state and privy counsellor to King *James* I. The other daughter and coheir, *Cordelia*, married Sir *John Stanhope*; *Philip*, their son and heir,[5] was Earl of *Chesterfield*, who sold his right or moiety in the aforesaid lordship, to Sir *Ralph Winwood* abovementioned; and *Richard Winwood*, son and heir of Sir *Ralph*, conveyed them to *Alexander Pitfield*, Esq. of *Crosby*-square, in *London*, who sold it to *Edward Lomb*, Esq. of *Weston*, in 1700, who presented in 1712; from the *Lombs* it came to *John Hase*, Esq. who presented in 1747, by *Mary* his mother, sister and heir to *John Lomb*, clerk.

The tenths were 3*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* Deducted 1*l.*

[4] See Lloyd's State Worthies, p. 369.

[5] Sir Philip Stanhope in 1616, paid a rent of 10*s. per ann.* for this manor (Richmond fee) to the lord of Swafham, in Norfolk.

The CHURCH of *Foxley* is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Thomas*. The ancient valor was 14 marks, *Peter*-pence 10*d*. The present valor is 6*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. and is discharged of tenths and first fruits.

The church is covered with lead, the chancel thatched.

In the tower, which is four square, hang 3 bells.

In the church window the arms of *Grey* Earl of *Kent*, quartering *Valence* and *Hastings* Earls of *Pembroke*; *ermine*, a bend, compony, *argent* and *sable*, *Curson*; quartering *gules*, two lions passant, *ermine*, crowned, *or*, *Felton*; *gules*, three piles, *or*.

RECTORS.

1305, *John de Hunstede* instituted rector, presented by Sir *Hugh de Vere*.

1326, *Gilbert* of *Castle-Martin*, by *Mary de St. Paul* Countess of *Pembroke*.

1349, *John Greyland*, by *ditto*.

1360, *William de Islep*. *Ditto*.

1375, *Robert Darby*. *Ditto*.

1379, Mr. *William Sydey*, by the King, guardian to the heir of *John Hastings*, late Earl of *Pembroke*.

1381, *John Cade*. *Ditto*.

1398, *John Bells*, by *Gerard Braybroke*, senior.

John Willam, rector.

1403, *William Atte-Hill*, by the Bishop of *London*, &c. feoffees of *Reginald Grey* Lord *Ruthyn*.

1403, *John Dreyn*. *Ditto*.

1404, *Richard Wartre*. *Ditto*.

1408, *John Marye*, by *Reginald* Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn*.

1416, *Thomas Edward*. *Ditto*.

1425, *Robert Coupere*. *Ditto*.

1431, *John Hort*. *Ditto*.

1436, *Richard Fysher*. *Ditto*.

1447, *Edward Mustarder*, by *Edward Grey* Lord *Hastings*.

1466, *John Haghton*. *Ditto*.

1494, *Richard Burton*, by *George Grey* Earl of *Kent*.

1504, Mr. *Thomas Barker*, by *Richard Grey* Earl of *Kent*.

1515, *Edmund Worsley*, by *Charles Somerset* Earl of *Worcester*.

1551, *Humphrey Younger*, by the assigns of Sir *George Somerset* Knight.

1576, *Richard Yewmans*, by *Jane Allington*, widow.

1579, *Gregory Graunge*. *Ditto*.

1614, *Robert Willan*, by Sir *Edward Coke*.

1614, *William Fuller*. *Ditto*.

1616, *John Grange*, by *Ann Savage*.

1660, *Thomas Brown*, by *Richard Winwood*, Esq.

1688, *John Tayler*, by *Alexander Pitfield* Esq.

1708, *William King*, by *Arthur Branthwaite*, and *William Lomb*, merchant of *London*.

1711, *Robert Whitefoot*, by the Queen.

1712, *James Hunt*, by *Edward Lombe*, Esq.
1743, *John Lombe*, by *John Hase*.
1747, *Joseph Hogan*, by *John Hase* and *Mary* his wife.
1763, Mr. ——— *Athill*, by Mrs. *Hase*.
Here was the guild of St. *Thomas* and his tabernacle.

GEIST.

WALTER GIFFARD Earl of *Bucks*, was the principal lord of this town, which was held by 5 freemen, who were deprived of it; there belonged to it, a carucate and a half of land, with 5 bordarers, and 4 carucates, and 6 acres of meadow, there was paunage for 8 swine, valued then at 20*s*. at the survey at 40*s*. *per ann*. the soc was in the king's manor of *Folsham*, now in *Walter*; it was half a leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 8½*d*. gelt, whoever possessed it.[6]

Sir *Ralph de Geist* was lord in the reign of King *Henry* II. and his son *Eborard* gave this lordship with the advowson of the church, to the abbey of *Waltham*: *Eborard* married *Alianore*, or *Julian*, daughter of *Reginald de St. Martin*, by whom he had *Roger de Geist* who confirmed the said grant, also a son *Jeffrey*, who gave lands in *Norton*, to the monastery of *Bromholm*, called also *Jeffrey Turpin, de Geist*. Pope *Innocent* confirmed to the canons of *Waltham*, their right in the churches of St *Andrew* of *Geist*, of *All-Saints Geisthorp*, and St. *Peter's*, of *Geistweyt*, given to them, by *Eborard* aforesaid, with the consent of *Roger* and *Richard*, &c. his sons, for the soul of King *Henry* II. *Hubert*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, and *John* of *Oxford* Bishop of *Norwich*, granted them license to appropriate the same.

King *Henry* III. in his 37th year, granted them free warren in all their lands in *Norfolk*, return of writs, view of frank pledge, to be free from the sheriffs turn, &c.[7]

At the Dissolution it came to the Crown, and was granted with the advowson of the vicarage, and appropriated rectory, to *Robert Townsend*, and *Gyles Townsend*, Esq. *December* 13, in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. younger sons of Sir *Roger Townsend* of *Raynham* in *Norfolk*, and in 1564, *Thomas Townesend*, Esq. presented to the vicarage, as did *Roger Townsend*, Gent. in 1577, and 1582.

[6] Terre Walteri Giffardi ——— In Gegesete, v lib. hoes. i car. tre. et dim. et v bor. sep. iiii car. et vi ac. pti. silva viii por. tc. val. xx sol. m°. xl. et soca in Eolsha' regis, T. R. E. m°. ht. Walt. ht. dim. leug. in long. et in lat. et reddit. viii*d*. ob. de gelto. regis, qcq. ibi. teneat.

[7] Reg. Waltham, fol. 102. ——— Reg. Walsing. fol. 105. ——— Reg. Bromholm, fol. 70.

[8] Reg. Waltham, fol. 49, &c.

CAYLEYS-HALL, OR SOUTH HALL.

SYMON DE HEMPSTEDE, by deed *sans date* (but in the reign of *Henry* III.) granted to *William de Cayley*, son of *William de Cayley* of *Hecham* in *Norfolk*, and *Cecil* his wife, and their heirs, this messuage, called *South-hall*, in the town of *Gilden-Geyst*, with common of pasture, fishery, foldage, and the moiety of his homage and tenements in *Geist*, *Stiberd*, *Norton*, &c. with the wards and reliefs of his tenants to be held of him and his heirs, paying to the prior of *Walsingham* 35*l. per ann.* and 2*s.* to him, and doing suit to *Folsham* court.

In the 53d of *Henry* III. *Hugh de Caly* and *Agnes* his wife conveyed to *Alan*, prior of *Walsingham*, 2 acres and ½ of meadow, and *Agnes*, in the 14th of *Edward* I. was found to have view of frank pledge, assise of bread and beer, here and in *Geystweyk*.

John Sproo, son of *Richard Sproo*, was lord of *South-Hall*, in *Gilden Geyst* in the 13th of *Richard* II. and *Nicholas Wychingham* appears by his will in 1434, to die possessed of it, with a water mill.

John Banyard, Esq of *Norwich*, by his will dated in 1474, *March* 26, and proved *June* 7, gives his manor of *South-hall*, in *Geyst*, to *Ann* his wife for her life, after to be sold by her executors, and the money to be distributed to pious uses; after this, *Roger Drury* of *Hawsted* in *Suffolk*, and *Ann* his wife, had an interest herein.

In the 6th of *Edward* VI. by an inquisition taken *May* 31, *Edward Briggs* of *Wood-Norton*, Gent. was found to die seized of it on *January* 25, last past, and by *Catherine* his wife, daughter of *Edward Cocket*, Esq. left *George*, his son and heir, aged 21, and *George* was lord in the 41st of *Elizabeth*; from *Briggs*, it came to *William Hunt*, Esq. and *Margaret* his widow, daughter of *George Briggs*, who held it in the 20th of *Charles* I.

Thomas Hunt, Esq. her son and heir, was lord, who sold it to the Lady *Astley*, widow of Sir *Isaac Astley*, and she gave it to Mr. *Castell*, of *Ormesby*, who sold it to Mr. *James Norris* of *Norwich*.

LUTON FEE, OR GEIST-REGIS MANOR.

JEFFREY DE SAVE held in the beginning of the reign of King *Henry* III. 10*l.* rent of assise *per ann.* in *Geyst*, *Geystweyt*, *Byntre*, *Folsham*, *Norton*, &c. and in the 15th of *Edward* I. the jury find that *John de Save*, a *Norman*, held it, and that it escheated to the Crown, and King *Henry* granted it to *Alice de Luton*, nurse to his son, Prince *Edward*, in his 28th year, for her life, and that *Thomas Gerberge* then possessed it, but by what warrant they know not; and in the 1st of *Edward* III. *John Gerbridge* was found to hold half a fee here, &c. and Sir *Thomas Gerberge*, in the 13th of *Henry* IV.

On *December* 13, in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. Sir *Robert Townsend* had a grant of *Luton* fee manor, and on an inquisition taken at *Norwich*, *April* 26, in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, he was found to die *February* 8, last past, seized of it, held of the king in capite, by the 60th part of a fee, and of *Swanton's* manor in *Folsham*, held of that manor in soccage, with *Foxley's* manor in *Twyford*, held

of the Lord *Morley*, and of the manor of *Folsham*, and left by *Alice* his wife, daughter of *Robert Poppy*, Esq. to *Thomas*, his son and heir, who in the 11th of *Elizabeth*, passed it to *Rowland Heyward*, &c. *John Grime*, Esq. held it in the 38th of *Elizabeth*, and *John Grime*, Gent. had license to alien it in the 7th of *James* I. to *Thomas Oxborough*.

Hagon, who was one of the Conqueror's reeves or bailiffs, who managed and took care of his land and lordships, had 100 acres of land in *Geiste*, with 2 villains and 5 borderers, and there were 2 carucates and 4 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 20*s*. among the tenants.[9]

This came soon after to *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Bucks*, and so was united to his fee or lordship, and so to the Earls of *Clare*.

William de Beaufoe Bishop of *Thetford*, had also a little tenure, 2 socmen with 2 acres; this belonged to his capital manor of *Hilderston*, which belonged also to the see when at *Elmham*; *Hugo* held this of the Bishop, with *Norton*, *Geistweyt*, &c. and was valued with *Hilderston* at the survey, at 13*l*. 8*s*.[1]

The *Wiggets* were for many years possessed of a considerable estate in this parish, and which remained in the family till 1763, when *William Wiggett Bulwer* of *Heydon* Esq. under an act of parliament, sold all his lands and messuages here.

In 1580, *John Wygott*, and *Agnes* his wife were seized of lands in *Geist*, was also *Roger Wiggott* in 1590, who was succeeded by *Peter*, his son and heir, who married *Alice*, youngest daughter of *Simon Bulwere*, of *Wood-Dalling*, by *Joan* daughter of *Peter Alleyn*. He was succeeded by *Henry*, and he by *William*, who married, the 20th of *October* 1616, *Ann* daughter of ——— *Sherringham*, by whom he had 7 sons; *William*, *John*, *Thomas*, *James*, *Henry*, *Peter*, and *Robert*.

John, the 2d son, was citizen and alderman of *Norwich*, and dying in 1692, was buried in *Whitwell* church, under a marble stone, with this inscription;

Depositum

Johannis Wigget, Civis & Aldermanni Norwici
(filii natu secundi Gulielmi Wigget de Geist, in agro Norfolciensi,)
qui sine prole obiit tertio die Octobris
An: Dom: 1692. *Æt. suæ.* 73

James, 4th son, was baptized at *Geist* the 30th of *March*, 1624.—By his 1st wife he had one son, *John*, who died in the 72d year of his age, unmarried.—By his 2d wife, daughter of ——— *Brooke*, he had one daughter, *Mary*, now living, and 2 sons;—*William*, the eldest, was chosen alderman of the city of *Norwich*, in 1733, sheriff in 1735, and mayor in 1742.[2] He died *January* 1, 1768, in the 74th year of his age, leaving *Ann* his sole daughter and heir, who married, *Thomas Lobbe Chute* of *Pickenham*, Esq. by whom she has several children.

James Wigget of *Norwich*, gentleman, the 2d son, now living married *Frances*, the youngest daughter of *Charles Mackerell*, Gent. by whom he has issue.

Peter, was alderman of *Norwich*, and sheriff in 1671.[3] He died

[9] Terra Hagonis.——In Geggesete, c. ac. tre. sep. ii vill, et v bor. sep. ii car. int. ac. hoes et iiii. ac. pti. silv. viii por. sep. val. xx sol.

[1] Terra Epi. Tedfordens. ad Episcopat. p'tinen. T. R. E.—In Geseta. ii soc. de ii ac qd. tenet Hugo tc. val. totu. x iib. m°. xiii lib. et viii. sol.

[2] Hist. Norf. vol. iii. p. 450.

[3] Hist. Norf. vol. iii. p. 420.

July 22, 1677, and lies buried in St. *Simon* and *Jude's* church in *Norwich*, leaving a daughter, *Susan*, who married *Thomas Ayde*, of *Horsted*.

Robert Wiggett of *Geist*, Gent. the youngest and seventh son, born in 1632, married *Dorothy*, daughter of *Rice Wicks*, Gent. by whom he had one son, *Rice*, and a daughter, *Frances*, who died in the 19th year of her age, and lies buried by her father and mother in the chancel of the parish church of *Geist*, where a marble monument is erected to their memories, of which the copper plate hereto annexed is an exact representation.

Rice Wiggett, of *Geistwick*, Esq. only son and heir, served the office of high sheriff for the county of *Norfolk*, and dying *September* 1, 749, in the 62d year of his age, was interred near his father, at *Geist*; to whose memory a mural monument is erected on the south side of the chancel; which is represented in the other plate annexed.

He married *Sarah*, the eldest daughter of *William Bulwer* of *Wood-Dalling*, Esq. by *Frances* his wife, by whom he had 5 sons and 2 daughters, all which died young, except the present *William Wiggett Bulwer*, of *Heydon*, Esq. who took the name and arms of *Bulwer* agreeable to the will of his uncle, *William Bulwer* of *Wood Dalling*, Esq. (*see in Wood-Dalling*) and *Dorothy*. *Frances*, who married Lieutenant *Edward Fuller*.

The arms of *Wigget, or*, three mullets *sable*, pierced *gules*, upon a chief wavy, *azure*, a dove, *argent*, proper: crest, upon a wreath of the colours, a like dove, holding in the beak an olive branch, proper, fructed *gold*.

The tenths were 4*l.* 5*s.*—Deducted 1*l.* 9*s.* 2*d.* as paid by the religious for their part and lands.

The temporalities of *Walsingham* priory were 35*s. per ann.*; of *Bromholm* 14*s.*; of *Mendham* 8*s.* 1*d. ob.*; of *Thetford* monks 3*s.*; of *Carrow* 12*d.*; of *Fakenham-dam* 6*d.*; the cellerer of *Norwich* 22*d.* and for free chapel land 4*d.*

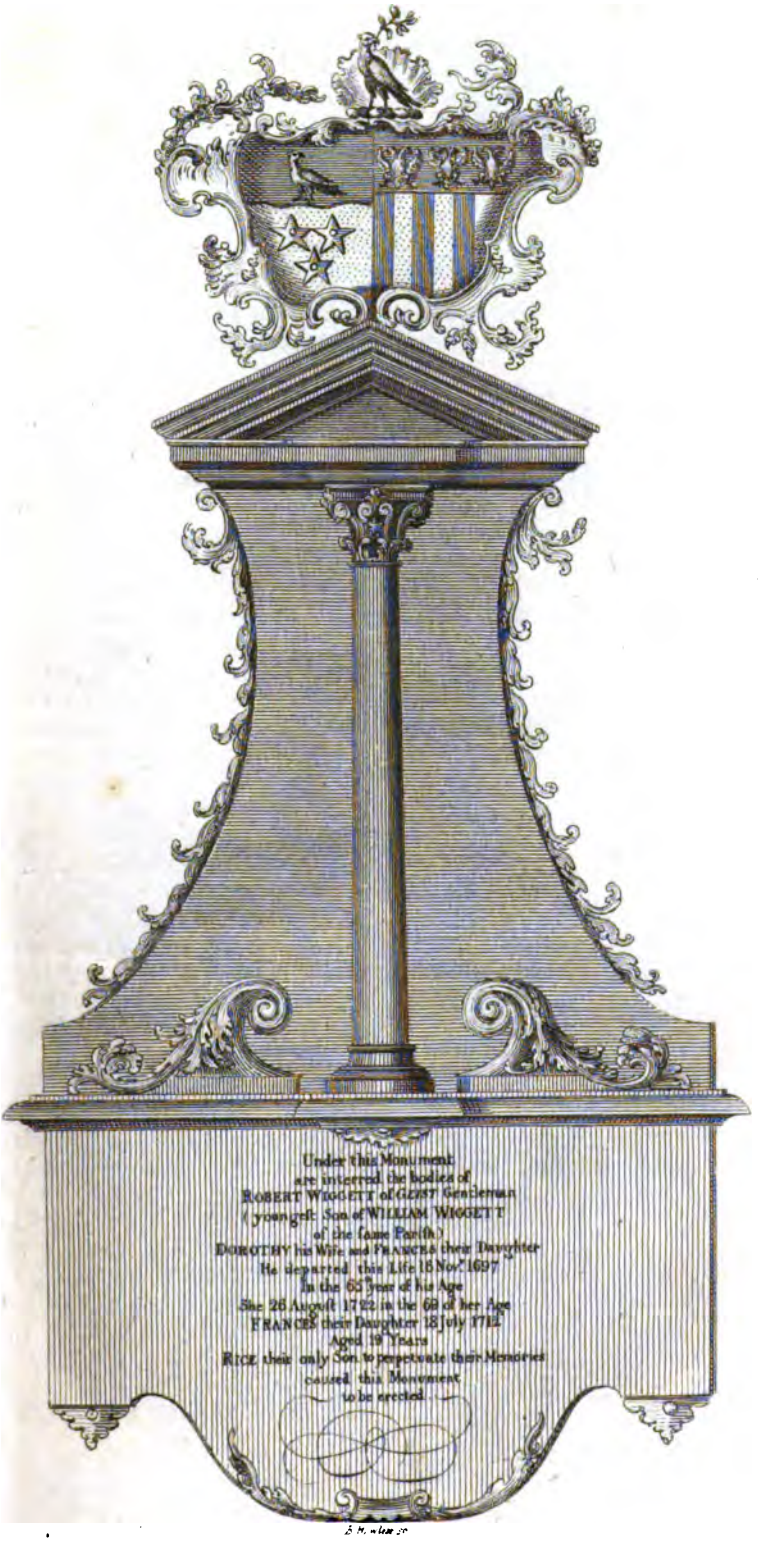
We find the town to be called *Geggeset*, as set by the river or water and so corruptly *Geist*, and *Gilden Geyst*, that is *Geist* in a den or vale, by the *Gill*,* that is the river, and thus *Gilden Morden* in *Cambridgeshire*, and there is a town near *Hirsfield* in *Germany* of this name.

The CHURCH of *Geist* is dedicated to St. *Andrew*, and there was a chapel belonging to it called *Geysthorp* chapel dedicated to *All-Saints*, a hamlet, as I take it, belonging to *Geist*; it was anciently a rectory, after that appropriated to the abbey of *Waltham* in *Essex*, and valued at 10 marks, and a vicarage being settled, that was valued at 20*s.* the *Peter*-pence was 10*d.* the present valor is 5*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.* and is discharged of first fruits and tenths.

James de Ferentino, dean of *Holt* deanery, and proctor of the archdeacon of *Norwich*, and the abbot and convent of *Waltham*, in the vacancy of the see of *Norwich*, came to this agreement, that the abbot and convent should yearly grant to the vicar of *Geist* and *Geysthorp* 2 marks, *viz.* one at *Easter*, and the other at St. *Michael*, and to have

* Thus Gilden Mordon, in Cambridgeshire.—Gil is a river in a valley or den.

Subter hoc Marmore, spe lætæ Resurrectionis,
Depositæ sunt Exuviæ RICH WIGGETT. Armigeri,
Nuper de *GEST'WICK* in hac Vicinia
Filii et Hæredis ROBERTI WIGGETT Generosi,
Olim de hac *GEIST* Parochia,
Qui RICHUS Anno Civili MDCCXLVI°,
Georgiique Primi XII°
A Quo feliciter regnante *ARCHI-SHIRE-REVIUS* constitutus,
Pro Norfolciæ Comitatu
Officii Primarii Vicem bene gessit
Uxorem SARAM primogenitam
GULIELMI BULWER de Wood Dalling Armigeri
E Conjuge FRANCISCA Filiam, duxit
Ex qua suscepit et superstites reliquit
Filium unicum GULIELMUM
Atque unam Filiam DOROTHEAM FRANCISCAM
Quorum Prior, in perpetuam Patris sui Memoriam
Hocce Monumentum gratus posuit
Obiit Die primo Septembris, Annos natus LXII,
Anno Domini MDCCXLIX.


Under this Monument
are interred the bodies of
ROBERT WIGGETT of GUIST Gentleman
(youngest Son of WILLIAM WIGGETT
of the same Family)
DOROTHY his Wife and FRANCES their Daughter
He departed this Life 18 Nov. 1697
In the 65 Year of his Age
She 26 August 1722 in the 69 of her Age
FRANCES their Daughter 18 July 1712
Aged 19 Years
RICE their only Son, to perpetuate their Memories
caused this Monument
to be erected.

all the altarage of the said church and chapel, but was to bear and pay all ecclesiastical dues to the Bishop and archdeacon; and to keep a resident chaplain for the chapel of *Geysthorp*, dated on the 9th of the calends of *November* 1238; after this the tithes of the third part of the church of *Norton*, to the value of 5 marks *per ann.* were granted to this vicar, instead of the aforesaid 2 marks.

In the church a gravestone for,

Robert Wicks, Gent: who died, Aug. 31, 1569. *and gave out of his lands here, to the repair of the church and the poor,* 20*s. per ann. for ever.*

William Warner, buried here, 1529, *and gives to the nether church in Geiste* 13*s.* 4*d. and to the over church in Geiste* 10*s.*

VICARS.

In 1310, *Roger Muriel* instituted vicar, presented by the abbot and convent.

1312, *Richard Heved*
1313, *John Boude.*
1315, *John Gew.*
1317, *John de Brunne.*
1331, *Roger de Fulsham.*
1344, *Richard Glos.*
1349, *John Hatfield.*
1353, *Giles Hervey.*
1369, *John de Heylesdon.*
1370, *William de Burgh.*
1384, *Robert de Geyton.*
1385, *Peter de Stoke Neylond.*
1396, *Nicholas de Milham.*
1410, *Peter Speller.*
1427, *William Atte Brigge.*
1432, *John Warde.*
1433, *John Gateley.*
1446, *John Hendris.*
1456, *Robert Howson.*
William Scotte, vicar.
1467, *William Eston.*
1473, *John Frende.*
1501, *Richard Ferier.*
1539, *John Basse*, presented by *John Mynn*, assignee of the abbot, &c.
1557, *Peter Langton*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1564, *Lanc. Yelverton*, by *Thomas Townsend*, Esq.
1577, *Andr. Steinsby*, by *Roger Townsend*, Gent.
1588, *Henry Hilton. Ditto.*
Anthony Galloway, vicar.
George Fatherstonehaugh, died vicar, 1721.
Richard White, vicar,
1755, *John Knipes*, by the King.

GEYSTWEYT OR GEYSTWICK.

WALTER GIFFARD'S manor, as mentioned in *Geyst*, extended into this town, and besides the lordship held of that fee, as mentioned there, which were after held of the honour of *Clere*, as descending from the *Giffards*, *John de Norton* had a lordship in the 34th of *Henry* III. and conveyed then to *Agnes de Ratlesden*, 60 acres of land here; and *John*, son of *John Wodenorton*, was living in the 14th of *Edward* I. *Philip de Norton* was lord in the 9th of *Edward* II. and found to hold here, and in *Norton*, half a fee of *Richard Fitz-Symon*, who held of the Earl of *Clare*; and in the 13th of *Richard* II. *William de Norton* appears from the escheat rolls to die possessed of one messuage, 160 acres of land, 12 of wood, 18 of meadow, 20 of pasture, and the rent of 50*s.* in *Geyste*, *Geystweyte*, *Hildolveston*, &c. of the honour of *Clare*.

John Barnard, Esq. by will, in 1474, gives his manor of *Nortpn Hall*, to *Ann*, his wife, with all his wheat and barley in *Geystweyt*, to maintain her house-keeping there;[5] he was buried in the church of St. *Michael* of *Coslany*, in *Norwich*.

In the 11th of *Henry* VIII. *John Murdock*, and *Joan* his wife, convey by fine, to *Robert Poppy*, 3 messuages, 214 acres of land in *Gestwayt*, *Geyst*, *Hilderston*, &c.

The *Stewards* had soon after an interest here; and *Rose Steward*, widow, presented to this vicarage in 1555: she was a daughter of *Robert Brown*, of *Shelton* in *Norfolk*, late wife *Jeffrey Steward*, of *Geystweyt*, son of *Richard Steward* of *Upwell*, by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of ——— *Cosyn* of *Upwell*; and *Richard* was son of *Nicholas Steward* of the said town. *Jeffrey* had by *Rose* his wife, a son, *Arthur Steward*, Esq. of *Geystweyt*, and married *Alice*, daughter of *William Worsley*, of *Norwich*; of this family was *William Stewart*, Esq. who lived here in 1655, and was a justice of the peace, but their interest in this lordship and advowson, was in 1609, in *Roger Bulwer*, who presented then to the vicarage, as did *Edward Bulwer*, junior, Gent. in 1705, and *Edward Bulwer* in 1724, in which family the patronage and lordship now continues; *William Wigget Bulwer*, Esq. in 1764, lord, who changed his name, on his uncle *Bulwer's* grant to him of this manor, &c. with the patronage of the church.

William Beaufoe Bishop of *Thetford* had at the survey a socman, with 24 acres of land, and 2 borderers, with half a carucate belonging to his capital manor of *Hilderston*.[6]

Robert, son of *John le Gross* of *Geystweyt*, had an interest herein, as had *Adam le Gross*, who held it of *Edmund de Gelham*, and he of the Bishop of *Norwich*.

Robert le Groos held in the 20th of *Edward* III. 3 parts of a quarter

[5] Reg. Gelour, pt. 2. fol. 56.

[6] Terra Epi. Tedford. —— In Geg. hestvert i soc. de xxiiii ac. t're. et ii bor. tc. dim. car. mo. i.

of a fee, of *Thomas de Gelham*, he of the Bishop, late *Adam de Groot's*.

The temporalities of the priory of *Norwich* here, in 1428, were 20*s*. —Of *Walsingham*, 14*s*. 10*d*.

The tenths were 4*l*. 5*s*. 0*d*. Deducted 1*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*.

Robert Angel and *John Walter* had a grant of a tenement and 5 acres and half of land here, late *Thomas Saffley's*, attainted, *July* 22, *ao*. 7 *James* I.

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Peter*, and was a rectory, but being granted to the abbey of *Waltham*, by *Eborard de Geiste*, was appropriated thereto, and a vicarage appointed; they were valued together at 21 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence, 7*d*. *ob*. The present valor of the vicarage is 5*l*. and 10*d*. and pays no first fruits or tenths.

The vicar, by an agreement, with the abbot and convent, was to have all the altarages, and 12 pieces of free land, and one mark rent *per ann*. the abbot all corn tithe, hay, pulse, &c. the vicar to pay all episcopal and archidiaconal dues, and to keep residence.

The church has a nave, with a north and south isle, covered with lead; the chancel and south isle is tiled; the north door has no porch, but an entire holy water-pot is in the wall on the west side.

The site of the steeple may seem particular, as it now stands at the east end of the north isle, joining to the chancel, built of *Hunstanton*-rock stone; but it is to be observed, that this belonged to the old church, built in a cathedral or conventual manner, and so was in the midst between the nave and choir, with arches to pass through; in this square tower hangs one bell; there were 2 more, sold in 1733.

In a window of the south isle is the portraiture of a physician administering physick to a person sick in bed, and this, *In sicknes I pyne ——Trust in God, and here is medecine.*——Also a person naked, and, *For colde I quake;* Also a woman bringing things, *Have here clothes and warm to make;*

The seven works of mercy were here represented.

The portraiture of St. *John*, *S'ct Johannes*, and these arms; *ermin*, a chief indented, *gules*, *Brome*; and *argent* on a bend, *gules*, three mullets, *or*, impaling *Brome*, probably the builders of this isle.——A gravestone with

Orate p. a'i'a. Johis. At hylle cujus a'i'e, &c.

In the window of the north isle is represented the martyrdom of St. *Edmund* the King, by the *Danes* shooting him, &c. and their own King or leader, falling down dead before him; also a representation of the circumcision. A boat by the sea shore; a man lying dead on the shore, a king and several persons viewing the body, with a woman in a red habit, and underneath,

Hic jacet corpus Jacobi,[7] *Sup. Collem*; a benefactor to, or a builder of this isle, as I take it.

In the chancel is a black marble stone with this epitaph,

Edward Bulwer of this parish, Esq. descended from a family of good antiquity and repute in this county; he left behind him 5 children, viz.

[7] At Hylle.

Edward, John, William, Elizabeth and Mary, by Anne his only wife, who also lieth here interred; he died April 23, 1697, *aged* 74, *she December* 8, 1700, *ætat.* 74.——*His son William hath thus endeavoured to perpetuate his name to posterity;* and the arms of *Bulwer, gules,* on a chevron, between three eaglets, respectant, *or,* as many cinquefoils, *sable;*—impaling, *or,* on a bend, *sable,* in a bordure ingrailed, *azure,* bezanty, three griffins heads erased, of the first, *Young; crest,* a goat's head erazed, *or.*

A stone,

In memory of Ann, wife of Edward Bulwer, gent, died 27th Jan. 1604.

One,

In memory of Edward Bulwer, gent. heir apparent of Roger Bulwer, gent. he was patron of this church, died April 6, 1626, *aged* 64, with the crest of *Bulwer,* and *Bulwer* quarterly, in the first and fourth, and in the 2d and 3d, *Gage,* quarterly, *azure* and *argent,* on a saltier *gules,* an annulet, *or,* impaling *Beck, gules,* a cross moline, *argent,* between four foxes heads erased, *or.*

Another,

In memory of William Bulwer. gent. late of Wood-Dalling, 3d son of Edward Bulwer, Esq. late of this parish, died Feb. 10, 1735, *aged* 76.

On a brass plate,

Here lyeth Jefery Styward, gentleman. patron of this cherche, on whose sowle Jesu have mercy, A. D. M. V. XL IIII.

In the chancel, on a gravestone,

Hic jacet Rogerus Bulwer, generosus, hujus ecclesie patronus, octoginta annos natus, ob. 16 *Julij,* 1616.

Adjoining, another:

Christiana suo jacet hic vicina marito,
Nunc consors tumuli, quæ fuit ante Tori.
Sexaginta et octodecem annos nata, obijt vicesimo
Octavo die Junij An. Dni. 1615.

----------*Joanna uxor Willi. Younge de Ketleston clerici, obt. Dec.* 14, *aged* 78.——*Elizabeth, wife of Richard Baldwyn, gent. died May* 28, 1653.

Also one,

In memory of Anne Money, daughter of Roger Bulwere, Esq. deceased, and the most dearly beloved wife of John Money, min. a late preacher of the gospel at Wimondham. In the time of her life, she fought a good fight on earth; she conquered, and is now triumphing in heaven, where no man shall take her crown: she died September 15. 1671, *aged* 51.

On the font are three escallops, St. *James's* arms; the emblem of the *Trinity,* arms of St. *Paul,* St. *Andrew,* St. *George,* St. *Peter,* and the instruments of the passion of our Saviour; near to this, on a gravestone, a cup and chalice, and

Orate p. a'i', Dni. Johs. Robertson, et Roberti patris ejus, qui quidem Johs. obt. iido *die Sept.* M. V. C. VIII. *quor. a'i'ab; &c.*

One,

In memory of Ann, wife of John Wall of Trouse, daughter of John Dey, late of this parish, gent. died March 16, 1731, *aged* 26.

On another,

Orate, &c. Agnetis Howis cujus, &c.

Also near this,

Orate, &c. Caterine Everard, &c.

In the said isle,

Hic jacet Alicia que fuit uxor Alixandri Brusyard, quondam uxor Stephi. Sturmer, que obijt. XI *die mens. Decemb.* - - - - - - *cujus a'i'e,* &c.

Orate p. &c. - - *Johs. Ive cujus,* &c.——Also——*Orate p.* &c. - - - - - *Ive que obijt* XXIIII *die* - - - - - - XCVIII *cij.* &c.

On a gravestone an effigy of a man in brass, and

Orate p. a'i'a. Ricardi Athills, qui obijt. XVII *Sept. A. D.* M. VC. V. *cujus,* &c.

A stone,

In memory of Arthur Stewart, gent. who died June 28, *in* 1606, *and William his son, in* 1641.

A marble gravestone with these arms in a lozengy, a ferdemolin, ——*Mills;* crest, a demi lion holding a ferdemolin: in a lozenge, *azure,* a cross moline, *or, Ward;* crest, an eagle's head erased.

Here lye entomb'd the breathless remains of Mrs. Sarah Mills, and Mrs. Rebecka Ward, two sisters in law, the only daughters of Mr. George and Mary Mills, of Geystwick, the former of which died June 10, 1696. *aged* 18, *and the latter, May* 20, 1702, *aged* 26.

Under this stone in easie slumber lies
Two dusty bodies that at last shall rise,
Their parted atoms shall again rejoin,
Be cast into new moulds by hands divine.

A gravestone,

In memory of the truly religious and vertuous Mrs. Anne Bendish, who died March 9, 1699, *aged* 29; with her arms; *argent,* a chevron, *sable,* between three rams heads, erased, *azure,* attired, *or,* impaling, a cross flory, - - in a bordure, *ermine.*

The chief manor, and impropriated rectory, belongs to Mr. *Bulwer. Quere;* if not a small manor called *Callis,* owned lately by Mr. *William Newman* of *Baconsthorp?* the demean of it was one close, now divided into 4 closes, and about 120*l. per ann.*

VICARS.

1316, *Walter de Ketelston*, presented to the vicarage by the abbot and convent of *Waltham*.
1320, *Robert le Teyntour*.
1361, *John Alby*.
1386, *Henry Ansty*.
1405, *John Lavenham*.
1421, *Thomas Champneys*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1429, *James Ivys*, by the abbot, &c.
1460, *William Skot*.
1483, *John Robertson*.
1504, *John Person*.
- *John Piers*, vicar.
1555, *Peter Langton*, by *Rose Steward*, widow.
Peter Alington, vicar.
1572, *Simon Thompson*, by *William Sanderson*, merchant.
1609, *Thomas Hood*, by *Roger Bulwer*.
1622, *Francis Catelyn*. *Ditto*.
1625, *John Tong*, by *Edward Bulwer*, Esq.
1627, *John Christmass*, by *Roger Bulwer*, Esq.
1639, *Thomas Sappe*.
1661, *John Bonde*, by *Edward Bulwer*, Esq.
1664, *Samuel Smith*. *Ditto*.
1668, *William Jacomb*. *Ditto*.
1679, *James Martyn*, by *Edward Bulwer*, junior, Gent.
1703, *James Martyn*. *Ditto*.
1705, *Thomas Plumitede*. *Ditto*.
1714, *Edward Bulwer*, by *Edward Bulwer*, Esq. of *Wood Dalling*.
1724, *William Allen*. *Ditto*.

Here was the guild of St. *Peter*, and the lights of St. *Peter*, St. *Mary*, and St. *Nicholas*.

STEWARD'S PEDIGREE.

Nicholas Steward of Upwell, — Cecilia, daughter of Baskerville.

Richard Steward of Upwell, — Elizabeth, daughter of —— Cosyn of Upwell.

Jeffrey Steward of Geystwick, Esq. — Alice, daughter of Robert Brown of Shelton, in Norfolk.

b, Simon, c Robert. 1, Arthur Steward of Geystwick, — Alice, daughter of William Woxeley of Norwich. This Arthur had a daughter, Frances, married to William Sanderson of Norfolk; and Thomasine, married to Thomas Williams, of Scrotby in Yorkshire.

Richard Steward . . .

HACKFORD.

WAS one of the lordships of the Earl *Warren*, of which *Wither*, a freeman, was deprived; and *Turold* held it under the said Earl, for one carucate and an half of land, 6 villains, 10 borderers, and one servus belonged to it, there were 2 carucates in demean, and 3 carucates with 4 acres of meadow among the tenants, and one socman, 11 acres and half a carucate, a mill, 4 runci, &c. 5 skeps of bees, a church endowed with 9 acres, and 2 acres of meadow, valued in the whole at 50*s. per ann.* was 5 furlongs long, and 3 broad, and paid 4*d.* gelt, &c. It came to the earl by an exchange of lands at *Lewes* in *Suffolk*.[s]

Robert de Vallibus or *Vaux*, the youngest son of 3 brothers, who came over with the Conqueror, to seek their fortunes, was enfeoffed of this lordship, and several others by the Earl *Warren*, and was father of *William*, whose son *Robert* is said to have had 7 sons: *Will.* the eldest, dying without issue, was succeeded by his brother, Sir *Oliver de Vaux*, who by *Petronilla* his wife, daughter of *Henry de la Mere*, had 3 sons; *Robert*, who died young, *William*, the 2d, dying without issue, the inheritance came to the 3d brother, Sir *John de Vaux*, who paid to King *Henry* III. the fine due to him of 24 marks, for his brother *William's* marrying *Alianore de Ferrers*, daughter of *William de Ferrers* Earl of *Derby*, without the King's license.

Sir John, in the 5th year of *Edward* I. had a grant of a weekly mercate on *Saturday*, and a fair on the eve, day, and morrow of the feast of St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*, in his manor of *Repeham*, this lordship extending into that town, and claimed the assise of bread and beer, &c. in the 14th of that King, and died seized of it in the 16th, leaving 2 daughters and coheirs; *Petronilla* married to Sir *William de Norford*, and *Maud* to Sir *William de Roos*, lord of *Hamlake*, who had 19 knights fees with her; and this manor was found to be held of the Earl *Warren* by half a fee. In this family it continued till the attainder of *Thomas* Lord *Roos*, in the first of *Edward* IV. who being after taken at the battle of *Hexham*, was beheaded at *Newcastle* upon *Tine*. *Edmund* his son was restored in blood, in the first of *Henry* VII. and dying *October* 23, 1508, was buried at *Enfield*, leaving 4 sisters and coheirs; *Alianore*, married to Sir *Robert Manners* of *Ethale-Castle* in *Northumberland*: *Isabel* married to Sir *Thomas Lovel*, Knight of the *Garter*, lord president of the council to King *Henry* VII. who died at *Enfield*, *May* 25, 1524, and buried in the nunnery of *Holywell* by *London*, *June* 8 following; and *Margaret* and *Joan*.

[s] T're. Willi. de Warrenna——Hackforda Turald. tenet qd. tenuit Wither i lib. ho. p. i car. t're. et dim. sep. vi vill. et x bor. et *i* s. i sep. ii car. in d'nio. et iii car. ho'u' et iiii ac. p'ti. silv. lx. por. et i soc. xi ac. t're. et dim. car. i mol. qu. rec. iiii r. mo. iii et x an. et xl por. et lx ov. mo. v vase apu' et eccla. ix ac. et ii ac. p'ti. sep. val. l. sol. et ht. v quar. in long. et iii in lato. et redd. iiii*d* q'cq; ibi teneat hoc e. p. escang. de Laq's.

Sir *Robert Manners*, in right of his wife, was lord of it, as was his son, *George* Lord *Roos*, whose grandson, *Henry* Earl of *Rutland*, and the Lady *Margaret* his wife, conveyed it to *Thomas Lodge*, Esq. in the 1st and 2d of *Philip* and *Mary*; soon after it came to the *Heydons*, and Sir *Christopher Heydon* presented to the church as lord in 1563, and *Thomas Hunt*, Esq. in 1589, and 1602, and *William Hunt*, son of Sir *Thomas*, in 1633, as lord.

Berner, an officer of the cross-bowmen, had a lordship also, out of which a freeman was expelled, who had a caracute of land, 3 villains and 3 borderers, with one caracute in demean, and half a one among the tenants, 11 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 20s.[a] The King's manor of *Whitwell* also extended into this town.

Roger Est, in the 8th of *Edward* I. settled by fine on *Richard Partrick* of *Hackford*, 6 messuages with lands and rents here, in *Refham*, *Whitwell*, and *Sparham*, for life, remainder to *Est*; and in the 32d of that King, *Reginald Partrick* conveyed to *Henry Partrick* 5 messuages, 50 acres of land, 5 of meadow, 3 of wood and 20s. rent in this town, *Refham*, *Whitwell*, &c. for life, remainder to *Reginald*.

William de Thorpe, and *Cecilia* his wife, settled in the 35th of that King, on *Beatrix*, daughter of *William de Thorp*, 9 messuages and lands here, in *Repham*, *Kerdeston*, &c. and *William de Thorp* had a lordship, and a right in the advowson, in the 3d of *Edward* II.

In the 17th of *Edward* II. *John de Clavering* held lands here, of the barony of *Moncheney*, late the Earl of *Pembroke's*, as did *Walter de Calthorp*, and the heirs of *De Cressi*, of the said Earl.

Thomas de Eggefeld, clerk, as trustee settled in the 4th of *Edward* III. 8 messuages and several parcels of land in *Hackford*, *Whitwell*, *Kerdeston* and *Sparham*, on *Roger Est* and *Joan* his wife, and on their sons.

Nicholas Wichingham was lord of *Thorp-hall* here, in the 2d of *Henry* VI. as was *John Wichingham*, Esq. in the 21st of *Henry* VII.

In the 19th of *Edward* IV. *John Hoydon* died possessed of it, called then *Haydon-hall*, and in the 41st of *Elizabeth*, Sir *William Haydon* was lord of it, and of *East's* manor in *Hackford*, &c. *alias Nugoun's*. These came after to the *Hunts* as above.

The temporalities were 2*l.* 7*s.*—Deducted 10*s.*

The CHURCH of *Hackford* was a rectory dedicated to *All-Saints*, the old valor was 15 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence 7½*d.* the present valor is 7*l.* 0*s.* 5*d.*

In the 3d of *Edward* II. a fine was levied between *William de Thorpe*, querent, and *William de Wichingham*, tenant of this advowson, and one acre of land.

RECTORS.

1317, *John Pertryke* instituted, on the presentation of Sir *William Ross* of *Hamelak*.

[a] Terre Berneri ad b. — In Hacforda, dim. car. houm. et ii ac. pti. silv. xxx ten. i lib. ho. T. R. E. i car. tre. sep. por. sep. i r. et v por. et xii ov. et val. iii vill. et in bor. sep. i car. in dnio. et xx. sol.

1338, *Ralph Brown*, on the presentation of Sir *William Roos*.
1339, *John de Sixendal*. *Ditto*.
1353, *Thomas de Leverington*, by Sir *John Avenel*.
1364, *William de Berton*, by Sir *Thomas Roos* Lord *Hamelake*.
1367, *William Chattock*. *Ditto*.
1383, *John de Grimston*. *Ditto*.
1384, *Adam de Popelton*. *Ditto*.
1396, *Rowland Zwyk*, by *Beatrice* Lady *Roos*.
1422, *William Bungay*, by the King.
1423, *Thomas Essex*. *Ditto*.
John Radewell, rector.
1428, *John Sprygg*, by *Thomas* Lord *Roos*.
1436, *Thomas Boleyn*, by *Edmund Beauford* Earl *Morton*, and *Alianore* his wife, in right of her dower of the lands of the Lord *Roos* lately deceased.
1437, *Robert Frodesham*. *Ditto*.
1440, *John Smith*. *Ditto*.
1454, *John Gamelyn*, by *Edmund* Duke of *Somerset*, and Constable of *England*.
1479, *William Cubyt*, by *Richard Roos*, Esq. *Cubyt* gave to the town and church of *Hackford*, a drinking-house with 2 acres, to have his yearly *obit* kept in the church, and wills that the guilds and drinkings of all the four parishes (that is *Hackford*, *Reffham*, *Whitwell*, and *Kerdeston*) be kept there, if they desire it.
1506, *John Haukesford*, by Sir *Thomas Lovell*.
1509, *John Gooddyng*. *Ditto*.
1531, *John Maners*, by *Thomas Maners* Earl of *Rutland*.
1542, *Christopher Lockwoode*, by *Thomas* Earl of *Rutland*.
By an indenture *tripartite*, dated *April* 18, in the 35th of *Henry* VIII. between *Robert Coke*, owner of the fee simple of the church of *Whitwell*, *Christopher Lockwode*, clerk, parson of *Hackford*, and vicar of *Whitwell*, *Thomas Bayfield*, *William Brese*, *John Blofield*, &c. parishioners of *Hackford*, very and undoubted patrons of the vicarage of *Whitwell*, witnessing, that whereas the late parish church of *Hackford*, chancel, with all the church goods, ornaments, and jewels, and most part of the dwelling-houses, &c. in *Hackford*, were by misfortune lately burnt by fire, the said church or rectory of *Hackford*, was consolidated to *Whitwell*, by *William* Lord Bishop of *Norwich*, all parties consenting.
1559, *William Colleson*, by the assigns of *Henry* Earl of *Rutland*.
1563, *William Dawson*, by Sir *Christopher Heydon*.
1583, *Step. Jerveis*. *Ditto*.
1589, *Ant. Maxey*, by *Thomas Hunt*, Esq.
1602, *Robert Lambkin*. *Ditto*.
1617, *William Quelch*, by *Elizabeth Hunt*, widow.
1620, *Robert Griffith*, by the assigns of *Elizabeth*.
1633, *Robert Blofeld*, by *William Hunt*.
1637, *Thomas Symonds*. *Ditto*.
Sam. Townsend, an usurper, held it in 1655, but *Symonds* was restored in 1662.
1684, *John Pits*, by *William Hunt*, Gent.
1689, *Nathanial Palgrave*. *Ditto*.
1705, *John Palgrave*. *Ditto*.

1721, *Robert Cory*, by *Mary Palgrave*, spinster.
1750. *John Neale*, by *Ann Turner*.
1758, Mr. *Step. Buckle*, by *George Hunt Holley*, Gent. to *Hacford cum Whitwell hac vice*.

John Goddyng, rector, by his will in 1531, gives to the making of a chapel in the south part of *Hackford* church, if one happens there to be edified, 6*s*. 8*d*. if not, to the repair of the church;[1] and I find *Anthony Sugate* to bequeath by will 20 marks to the rebuilding of the said church after it was burnt, if ever it should be rebuilt.

In this church was the gild of *All-Saints*.

The temporalities of *Longavile* priory were 6*s*. 4*d*.; of *Ely* 13*d*.; of *Walsingham* priory 8*s*.

The town is called *Hackford by Refham*, and sometimes in old writings *Refham Hackford*, to distinguish it from *Hackford by Hingham*, and both take their names from a ford over a rivulet, *Hackford*, *Hakeford*, or *Akeford*.

HEVERLAND,

Called in *Domesday Book*, *Heveringalanda*, from its site by watery meadows, was the lordship of *Goodwin* Earl of *Kent*, (though styled a freeman only,) and father of King *Harold*: in the reign of the Confessor, one carucate of land, 3 villains, 3 borderers belonged to it and 3 servi; there were 2 carucates in demean, one among the tenants, with 8 acres of meadow, &c. the moiety of a fishery, 2 runci, 5 cows, 30 swine, 40 sheep, 80 goats, with 20 skeps of bees, and 3 socmen had 5 acres of land, the whole valued at 60*s*. and a church belonged to it with 10 acres, and was granted by King *William* I. to *Rainald*, son of *Ivo*, lord at the survey.[2]

HEVERLAND MANOR.

This was the principal lordship, and the family *of de Gimeto*, or *Gisne*, or *Gyney*, was soon after the Conquest enfeoft of it, who probably took their name from the town of *Guisn*, near *Calais* in *France*; Sir *William de Gynento* was a witness to the deed of confirmation of *Geffrey*, son of *Bartholomew*, son of *William de Glanvile*, founder of *Bromholm* priory. *Roger de Gyney* lived also about the said time, (in King *Henry* the Second's reign) and was father of *Reginald*, rector of the church of *Heverland* in the time of King *John*.

[1] Reg. Alpe, fol. 172.

[2] Terra Rainaldi, filij Ivonis.——Heveringalanda ten. Godwin. i lib. ho. T. R. E. i car. tre. tc. et p'. iii vill. mo. ii sep. iii bor. mo. iii s. sep. ii car. in dnio. tc. i car houm. et p'. et mo. dim. et viii ac. p'ti. silva. xxx. por. et dim. pisc'e. sep. ii r. et v an. tc. xxx por. mo. xx tc. xl ov. mo. lxxx cap. et xx vasa. apu. et iii soc v ac. tre. sep. val. 4x sol. i eccla. x ac.

Baldwin de Gisney was living in the 8th year of that King, and granted his right in the church of *Wichingham* to the prior of *Longuevile*; by *Maud* his wife, he was father of *Roger de Gisneia*, lord of this manor in the 18th of *Henry* III. held of the honour of *Gloucester* and *Clare*, and extended into *Wichingham, Whitwell, Kerdeston*, &c.; this *Roger* levied a fine in the 33d of that King, to *Beringarius*, prior of St. *Faith's*, of *Horsham*, the advowson of this church, and married *Joan*, daughter of ----------, sister and coheir of Sir *Peter de Pelevile*, (who remarried Sir *John de Vaux*,) and by her had Sir *William de Gyney*, his son and heir, and Sir *Roger*, who married *Margaret*, daughter of *William Pecke*, and in her right was lord of *Brandeston*; Sir *William* had a park, not enclosed, in the common pasture of *Causton*, and had drove some cattle of *John de Burgh*, lord of *Causton*, (that had entered therein,) to his manor of *Heverland*; on which there was a trial, and it was adjudged that he ought to enclose it. In the 55th of the said King, he had a charter of free warren, and in the 12th of *Edward* I. impleaded *Adam de Heveringland* for entering therein, and taking his hares, rabbits, partridges, and fish, out of his ponds; by *Margaret* his wife, he left Sir *Roger*, his son and heir, who in the 15th of *Edward* I. claimed frank pledge, assise of bread and beer, &c.[3] and in the 29th of that King, had summons to attend the King at *Berwick*, against the *Scots*, and in the 9th of *Edward* II. was lord of *Pickworth* in *Rutlandshire*.

He was succeeded by Sir *William* his son, lord in the 16th of *Edward* II. who was father of Sir *Roger Gyney*, by *Elizabeth* his wife.

Sir *Roger* occurs lord in the 21st of *Edward* III. in which year he had grant of a weekly mercate, (long since discontinued,) and of a fair on the 10th of *August*, (St. *Laurence's* day,) which is still kept up. He married to his 1st wife, *Elizabeth*, and to his 2d *Margaret*; his will is dated at *Dilham, April* 6, 1376, and requires to be buried in that church; appoints *Margaret* his wife executrix, gives to *John* his son this manor, with that of *Dilham*, after his wife's decease, and the manor of *Spixworth*, when he came of age.[4]

Margaret his widow was living in the reign of *Richard* II. and lady of this manor, and *John Gyney* kept a court here in the 22d of *Richard* II. and by the name of Sir *John*, made his will in 1422; gives his body to be buried in the church of the *Augustine* friars of *Norwich*, by the grave of his son *Roger*; orders his manor of *Pickworth* to be sold to Sir *Henry Inglose*; the Lady *Alice* his wife, according to her will dated *September* 30, in the 17th of *Henry* VI. was buried in the church of the said friars, and gave a tenement in the parish of St. *Paul's* in *Norwich* to the friars, to pray for her soul.[5]

The will of the Lady *Margaret*, mother of Sir *John*, is dated *February* 24, 1398; she gives him sums of money, several silver cups, &c. and to *James*, her son, her manor of *Hempstead*.[6]

Robert Gyney, brother and heir (as I take it) to Sir *John*, succeeded him; he married *Margaret*, daughter and heir of *John Fastolf*, relict of *John Honing*, by whom she had a daughter, *Margaret*, married to *Robert Bois*, Esq. of *Ingham*, and by *Gyney* had a daughter and heir,

[3] He in the 15th of Edw. I. accounted for 41*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.* of the Jews debts, and Roger, his son and heir, was charged with 18*l.* 18*s.* of the same debts, in the 13th of Edw. II.

[4] Reg. Heydon, fol. 225.

[5] Reg. Aleyn, fol. 53.

[6] Reg. Harsyke.

Anne, who married Sir *Henry Inglose*, lord in her right, in the 17th of *Henry* VI. by his will dated *June* 20, 1451, he devises his manors of *Dilham*, *Lodne*, &c. to *Henry*, his son and heir, who was lord in the 7th of *Henry* VII.

Edward his son sold this lordship to *William Halse* of *Kenedon*, in *Devonshire*, Esq. in the 20th of *Henry* V. *Thomas Halse*, his son and heir, was living in the 37th of that King; *William Halse* was found to be his brother and heir, and had livery of this manor, in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*; by his wife *Mary*, daughter of *John*, and sister of Sir *Thomas Cornwaleys* (after remarried to *Richard Warren*, Gent. of *Ipswich*) he had 3 daughters and coheirs, *Margaret*, *Catherine*, and *Elizabeth*, who soon after their father's death conveyed their interest herein, to *Miles Corbet*, Esq. and *Osbert Mundeford*, Esq. in the first of *Elizabeth*; *Mary*, their mother, having her third part for life; and they in the said year conveyed it to Sir *Christopher Haydon*, and *Henry Hobart*, Esq. whose son and heir, *James Hobart* of *Hales-Hall*, Esq. passed his right to Sir *Christopher*, who was lord of this manor, that of *Bilney*, or *Holveston's* and *Montjoy* priory, in this town, in the 8th of *Elizabeth*.—Sir *Christopher*, in the 15th of the said Queen, sold to *Thomas Gawdy*, of *Claxton*, serjeant at law, this lordship, and that of *Holveston's* in the 17th of that reign, who conveyed them to *Henry Richers*, of *Swanington*, and *Edmund* his son, who in the 11th of that Queen, sold them to *Thomas Hyrne*, Esq. knighted at *Greenwich*, *July* 3, 1609, citizen, alderman and mayor of *Norwich* in 1604, 1609, and 1616; son of *Clement Hyrne*, Esq. mayor in 1593, by *Margaret* his wife, daughter of *John Wysse*, and relict of ——— *Mautby*, Gent. of *Norwich*, and *Clement* was son of *Nicholas Hyrne*, of *Drayton*, Gent.

Sir *Thomas* was sheriff of *Norfolk* in the 18th of *James* I. and by *Sibilla*, his wife, daughter of *Richard Baker*, of *Cambridgeshire*, was father of *Clement Herne*, Esq. who married two wives, *Anne*, daughter and heir of *John Thurston* of *Hoxne*, in *Suffolk*, Esq. and *Mary*, daughter of Sir *John Knevet*; by *Anne* he had *Thomas Hyrne*, Esq. who left by *Ann*, his wife, daughter and coheir of *William Hobart*, of *Twayt*, Esq. relict of *Nicholas Bacon*, son of Sir *Robert Bacon*, *Clement*, his son and heir, who took to wife, *Frances*, daughter of *Henry Fairfax*, Lord Viscount *Fairfax* of *Gilling* in *Yorkshire*, and died *September* 17, 1694, aged 84. *Thomas Hyrne*, Esq. was his son and heir, who died *October* 30, 1736, leaving by the Lady *Charlotte*, his wife, daughter of *William Paston*, Earl of *Yarmouth*, *Paston Hyrne*, Esq. his son and heir: on whose decease *s. p.* it came to *Everard Buckworth Herne*, Esq. in 1762.

Sir *Gilbert Dethick*, Garter King at Arms, granted to *Thomas Hyrne* this coat of arms, *or*, three bars gevelle, *gules*, on a canton of the last five lozenges in saltire, of the first; crest, a talbot passant, *sable*, collared and chained, *or*.

Rainald, son of *Ivo*, had also another lordship, of Earl *Godwin*, which came to *Rainald*, son of *Ivo*, granted by the Conqueror, containing 100 acres of land held by 2 villains, and 3 borderers, one caracate in demean, and one among the tenants, 8 acres of meadow, &c. and one socman, 11 acres of land valued at 20*s.*[7]

[7] In eadem ten. Godnuinus, T. R. E. c. ac. tre. semp. ii vil. tc. et p. iii bor. mo. null. tc. i car. in dnio. p'. et mo. null. sep. i car. houm. et viii ac. pti. sep. dim. car. silv. xx por. et i soc. xi ac. tre. semp. val. xx sol.

This lordship, as I take it, was also held with that abovementioned, and being united, passed as is there observed, and was what was called *Dawking's* manor, and came on the death of *John Richers* in 1500, to *Henry* his son.

BILNEY'S OR HOLVESTON'S MANOR.

Another lordship also was granted to *Reynald*, out of which *Edric* was ejected at the conquest, held of *Reynald* by *Herluine*, containing 100 acres of land, 3 borderers, one servus, a carucate in demean, &c. and 2 socmen had 16 acres of land with 16 of meadow, and half a carucate, &c. valued at 20*s.*[8]

In the 20th of *Henry* III. *William de Henecote* held a quarter of a fee of the heirs of *William de Nerford*, and he of the Earl of *Gloucester* and *Clare*, into which family all the lordships that *Reynald* held at the survey came, and *Peter de Narford* granted lands *sans date*, to *William Peche*.

Simon, son of *Jeffrey Peche*, granted lands here to *Peter de Bylney*, son of *John*, by deed, *sans* date; *Peter de Bylney*, and *Roger* his son, had an interest in this town, in the 42d of *Henry* III. Sir *Roger de Bilney* was lord in the 3d of *Edward* I. and granted lands to *Richard de Holwode*, paying 2*s.* 7*d. per ann.* and doing suit of court twice in the year; and in the 8th of *Edward* II. *Roger de Bilney* held of Sir *George de Gyney*, by knight's service, lands and tenements here, valued at 20*l. per ann.*

In the 16th of *Edward* II. Sir *Roger* levied a fine of 9 messuages, 140 acres of land, 13 of meadow, 10 of pasture, 30 of heath, 6 of marsh, and 60*s.* rent in this town, *Felthorp*, *Causton*, &c. settled on *Roger* for life, remainder to *John* and his heirs; and in the said year, Sir *Roger* founded the north isle of this church, and a chantry there for 2 chaplains, and had license to settle 10*l. per ann.* in lands, for their support.

John de Holveston died lord in the 28th of *Edward* III. and was buried in the church of the *Friars-Austin* of *Norwich*; *Amabilia* his wife remarried ——— *Maloysel*, and was buried by him in 1383; *Thomas de Holveston* was their son and heir, aged 14, at his father's death (afterwards a knight), but died about the 38th of the aforesaid King, in which year the Lady *Isabella de Holveston*, and her son *William*, leased lands in this town; he was living in the 45th of *Edward* III. and in the 2d of *Henry* V. but died soon after, leaving 3 daughters and coheirs; *Anne*, *Mary*, and *Catherine*, all living in the 7th of *Henry* V. *Catherine* married *William Botiler*,[9] and in the 17th of *Henry* VI. they conveyed by fine, to Sir *Henry Inglos*, their 3d part of this manor; *Robert* his 2d son possessed it by his father's will,[1] and his daughter, and heir, *Catherine*, brought by marriage to *Richard*

[8] In eade'ten. Edric. i lib. ho. T. R. E. c. ac. tre. mo. tenet Herluin. sep. iii bor. tc. i s. tc. i car. in dnio. p'. null. et mo. i et ii soc. xvi ac. tre. et xvi ac. pti. sep. dim. car. silv. xx por. mo. iiii r. et vii an. et viii por. et LXXXV. ov. sep. val. xx sol.

[9] Catherine, wife of William, survived him, and married Henry Cat, Esq. both living in the 9th of Henry V.

[1] Robert Inglose, Esq. lived at Gunton, and was buried in the chancel of that church in 1475.

Blundevile, or *Blomvile* of *Newton Flotman*, Esq.; by her he had 2 sons, *Robert*, the eldest, of *Newton*, and *Richard*, the 2d, to whom his mother *Catherine* gave this lordship, but he dying *s. p.* about 1503, *Edward Blomvile*, Esq. son of his brother *Robert*, was his heir, and sold it to *William Halse*, lord of *Haverland* manor, so it came to *Christopher Heydon*, *Serjeant Gawdy* and *Richers*, who conveyed it to Sir *Thomas Hyrne*, and became united to the manor of *Heverland*.

MOUNTJOY PRIORY MANOR AND PRIORY.

Rainald had also the grant of a lordship, of which *Ulketel*, a freeman, was deprived, and held at the survey by *Ranulf*: half a carucate of land, belonged to it, with 4 borderers, one carucate in demean, and 6 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 20*s*. The whole town was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 7*d*. gelt, to the King.[2]

It was founded by *William de Gyney*, lord of *Heverland*, in a place there called *Thweyt*, about the reign of King *Richard* I. *Baldwin de Gyney*, and *James de Gyney*, were witnesses to the charter of its foundation, and *Roger de Gyney* gave 2 parts of his demeans here to the abbey of *Bec*, in *Normandy*.[3]

Newcourt says that the brethren or fraternity of *Mountjoy* was an order of knighthood established at *Jerusalem*, by Pope *Alexander* III. and confirmed in 1185, under St. *Basil's* rule:[4] but this priory is generally said to have been for canons of the order of St. *Austin*, and the patronage was always in the lords of this manor.

In the 20th of *Henry* III. *John Shelton* held a quarter of a fee of the heirs of *Narford*, and gave them lands, and in the 5th of that King, *Peter de Nerford* gave the rectory of *Stanfield* in *Suffolk*; in the said year, "Pope *Clem.* IV. granted license that they might enjoy "all their goods, lands, &c. which they already held, or should be "hereafter possessed of, and bestowed on them, to be exempt from "payment of tithes of their plowed lands, newly broke up, and culti-"vated by them, and of their increase of cattle; that in the time of "interdicts they might celebrate divine service with a low voice, and "their gates shut, and persons excommunicated, excluded; that no "person might erect a chapel in the parish, without the diocesan's "and their leave; that no archbishop, bishop, archdeacon, &c. should "exact any customs of them; that they should have liberty to bury "any person in their priory, &c."[5] To this bull are the names of several cardinals. *Simon*, son of *Jeffrey Peché*, was a benefactor, *sans* date.

In the 8th of *Edward* II. Sir *Roger de Bilney* aliened to it 60 acres of land here, and in *Felthorp*, 30 of land and heath in *Felthorp*, and 30 in *Helmingham*, of land.

The prior of St. *Faith's* of *Horsford* released to them the tithes of this town.

In the 10th of *Edward* II. there was an agreement between *John*,

[2] In eade' ten. Ulketel, T.R.E. dim. car. t're. mo. ten. Ran. tc. iiii bor. p. et mo. iii tc. i car. in d'nio. p. et mo. dim. et vi ac. p'ti. silv. xl por. et val. xx sol. et ht. i leug. in long. et in lato, et reddit viid. in geldu' regis.

[3] William de Gyney founded here, at first, a chapel dedicated to St. Laurence, and gave it to Wymondham priory.

[4] Repertor. vol. i. p. 696.

[5] Rymer's Fœd. v. 1. p. 833.

son of Sir *John de Shelton*, Knt. and *Robert* his son, on one part: *Nicholas*, son of the said Sir *John*, and *Alice* his wife, *Richard de Ely*, and *Catherine* his wife; the said *John* and *Robert* granting their manor to *Nicholas* and *Alice*, *Richard* and *Catherine*, for their lives, on condition of repairing the old, and building a new house 80 feet long, and 18 broad, and paying them 30*l.* sterling for 13 years. To this deed is the seal of *John de Shelton*, a fess, between three mullets, pierced, and his name round it.

John de Shelton after this, sold his manor to this priory, reserving to himself 11 marks, and a stone of wool *per ann.* for life; and in the 17th of *Edward* III. he released to them 5 marks and an half *per ann.* and the wool. In the said year *John de Hadesco*, and *John Fode*, chaplains, had license to amortize 2 messuages, 77 acres of land and meadow, 10 and an half of pasture, 13 of heath, and 7*s.* 7*d.* rent in this town, *Felthorp*, &c. the gift of *Martin*, rector of *Brandeston*, and *Thomas*, vicar of *Heverland*.

Peter, rector of *Irmingland*, gave them lands there, and the advowson of the church, with lands in *Felthorp*, *Brandeston*, &c.

Thomas de Whitewell, rector of *Felthorp*, gave all his lands, rents, and services, with a fold-course and heath in *Felthorp*, for a pension paid him yearly, for the souls of his father *Richard*, and *Alice* his mother.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. the prior was found to hold the fourth part of a fee of the heir of *Thomas de Nerford*, and he of the Earl of *Gloucester* and *Clare*, which *John de Shelton* formerly held; and in the 33d of that King had a patent for tenements in this town and *Felthorp*.

Pope *Urban* by his bull dated at *Avignon*, 6 of the nones of *May*, in the 2d year of his pontificate, and 38th of *Edward* III. granted a special privilege, that whosoever being truly penitent and confessed, should visit their church on Christmas-day, the Circumcision, Epiphany, Easter-day, the Resurrection, Ascension, Pentecost, the Nativity, Circumcision, Purification, and Assumption of the blessed Virgin, nativity of St. *John* Baptist, St. *Peter* and St. *Paul's*, or St. *Laurence's* day, should have a year and 40 days released of penance enjoined them;[a] by another bull he took this house into his immediate protection, and by a 3d bull gave the prior of *Butley* in *Suffolk*, power to excommunicate all those who withheld any lands, goods, rents, tithes, &c. from them; and in 1420, Pope *Martin* granted a bull of indulgence to the repair of it.

In 1426, their spiritualities were 9 marks, and their temporalities 40*s.* 7*d. q.*

It was suppressed in 1528, before the general dissolution, by a bull of Pope *Clement*, in order to endow Cardinal *Wolsey's* college at *Ipswich*; but on the attainder of that Cardinal, it was seized by *William Hales*, lord of *Haverland*, patron of it, as an escheat to him, and so was united to his lordship; but some of (if not all) the lands belonging to it, were, *September* 2, *ao.* 17 of *Elizabeth*, granted as concealed lands belonging to the priory with messuages, &c. in the tenure of *John Davy*. Sir *Christopher Heydon* had this lordship and priory before this, and had conveyed it to the said *Davy*; and on this, Sir

[a] Rymer's Fœd. v. vi. p. 439.

Christopher purchased of *John Herbert*, Gent. and *Andrew Palmer*, (who had the grant) their right herein, and passed it to *Davy*, who conveyed it to *Henry Richers*, Esq. and *Edmund* his son of *Felthorp*, in the 26th of that Queen, conveyed the manor and the site of the priory, to *Thomas Herne*, Esq. and so was united to *Haverland* Hall.

The priory was dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*, St. *Michael* and St. *Laurence*, and stood about a mile south-west of the parish church.

PRIORS.

Vincent was the first prior, *sans* date.

Thomas occurs prior in the 22d and 30th of *Edward* I.

1304, *John Weting* admitted prior.

1305, *Thomas Carlevile*, presented by the canons of St. *Laurence* of *Mountjoy*.

1308, *Peter de Cley*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

John occurs prior in the 18th of *Edward* II.

1349, *Simon de Flegg*.

1369, *John de Elvedon*.

1379, *Philip de Titeshale*.

1401, *Edmund Amys*, canon of *Hempton*, by the Bishop.

Edmund de Walsingham occurs prior 1429.

John Sudbury, prior.

1448, *Robert Snape*, canon of *Butlee*.

John, prior.

1465, *Thomas Everard*.

1479, *John Clement*, canon of *Cokesford*.

Christopher Brown occurs 1449.

William Lovell, prior.

1491, *William Kyrtelyng*.

1502, *Thomas Grimston*, canon of *Walsingham*.

1515, *Thomas Clerk*, S. T. B. collated by the Bishop, and living in 1526, and rector of *Moulton Parva*. Besides these, in the institution books, I find

Symon to be prior in 1352, and

John de Cotton, regular canon, admitted prior by *Wittlesey* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, on the death of *Elvedone*.

By the institutions above, it appears that this priory was for canons regular of St. *Austin*, some of these priors belonging once to *Butley*, *Cokesford*, and *Walsingham*, all of the same order.

The tenths were 3*l.* 19*s.* Deducted 1*l.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Peter*, was in ancient days valued at 12 marks. *Rr. de Gyney* gave in the reign of *Henry* III. 2 parts of the tithe of his demeans, to the abbey of *Bec* in *Normandy*, founded by the ancestors of the Earls of *Clare*.[7] This probably was that portion of tithe that the priory of *Stoke* had valued at 13*s.* and 4*d. per ann.* and in the 33d of that King, *Roger de Gyney* conveyed by fine, to *Beringarius*, prior of St *Faith's* of *Horsham*, this rectory and advowson of the church, and it was appropriated thereto in 1277, by

[7] Mon. Angl. vol. i. p. 1007.

Roger Bishop of *Norwich*; he also with *Maud*, his wife, gave to the said priory the moiety of a turf-pit in this town. On this appropriation a vicarage was settled, the present valor of which is 4*l*. 12*s*. 1*d*. He also granted to the said priory 1*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. *per ann*. for tithe wood, out of his park here, and in 1293, the priory of St. *Faith's* released the tithes of the rectory, to the priory of *Mountjoy*.

Sir *Roger Bilney* built the north isle of this church, and was there buried under a marble grave-stone, ornamented with his effigies in brass, and about the rim of it was this inscription in *French*;

Sr. Roger de Bylney gyst ici,
Dieu de S' Alme eit merci.
Et prie quelque le voyont
Ke en memorie le avont.

In the windows of this isle were in many pannels his arms; an eagle displayed, *vert*; here was also the effigies of *Thomas de Narford* (as is commonly said) with an *Orate p. a'i'ab; Thomas de Narford*, and this shield in the glass;—paly of six, *or* and *gules*, and a chief, *ermine*, but that is the shield of *Gyney*, whose effigies most likely was also here; the crest is an hound, *ermine*, and above it on a label:—*Sc'us Paulus doctor magnus ora p. nobis.*

On a grave-stone in the chancel,

Hic requiescit Clemens Hyrne arm. vere dictus Honestus, filius unicus Tho. Hyrne militis, qui obt. 25 *Janu.* 1655, *an. ætat. suæ* 72, *cui Anna Goslin vidua filia ejus hoc monumentum posuit.*

Orate p. a'i'a. Dni. Tho. Bettys quo' da' vicari. isti. ecclie.

Tho. Hyrne miles et D'na Sybilla uxor, adventum Jesu expectamus.

Gul. Butflower gen. et Margaretâ filiâ Clem. Hyrne arm. conjugatus 1638, 25 *Sept. e vivis exijt,* 30 *circiter ætat. suæ.*

Here is a memorial

For Alice Townsend, late wife of John Davy of Mountjoy, Esq. who died January 21, 1561, and this shield; quarterly, in 1st and 4th, *argent*, on a chevron ingrailed, *gules*, between three bears heads erased, *sable*, muzzled *or*, as many trefoils of the last; in the 2d and 3d, *sable*, a chevron, *ermine*, between three annulets, *argent*, *Davy*;—impaling, quarterly, first *Townsend*, 2d and 3d, *Haywell*, and in the 4th, *Brews*.

In the 8th of *Elizabeth*, *Robert* Earl of *Leicester* had a grant of the rectory on *June* 29, and in the 7th of *James* I. *January* 8, it was granted for certain sums, to *James Lloyd*, and *Arthur Gooch*. *Richard* and *Robert Hardy* possessed it about the 30th of *Elizabeth*; Sir *Thomas Hunt* also held it, and sold it to Sir *Thomas Hyrne*, and in the 37th of *Henry* VIII. it was possessed by *Richard Southwell*.

In the church were also the arms of *Inglose*. *Gules*, three bars gemelle, *or*, on a canton, *argent*, five billets in saltire, *sable*; and in the priory was the arms of *Halse*, *argent*, a fess, *ermine*, between three griffins heads erased, *gules*.

Reginald, son of *Roger de Gyney*, was rector in the time of King *John*.

VICARS.

1310, *William de Seckford* instituted vicar, nominated by the Bishop of *Norwich*, presented by the prior of St. *Faith's*.
1315, *Richard Hovell*. *Ditto*.
1315, *Thomas de Cressingham*. *Ditto*.
1338, *William de Braceberg*.
1352, *William Gyzoun*.
1361, *Simon Parker*.
1365, *Roger Marcolf*.
1386, *Thomas Heyward*.
1387, *Walter Mey*.
1387, *Thomas Metter*.
1387, *John Bees*.
1390, *John Snow*.
1402, *John Cobald*, nominated by the Bishop, and presented by the King; the temporalities of St. *Faith's* being then in the King.
Edward Medilgale.
1486, *Thomas Bettys*, by the King.
1494, *Thomas Barker*, by the King.
1521, *James Boswell*, by the King.
William Pawe.
1536, *Roger Sedall*, by the King.
1547, *William Stedeman*.
1554, *Robert Tayler*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1555, *Thomas Church*. *Ditto*.
1557, *Thomas Scory*, by *Mary Darcy*.
1560, *Henry Kirk*, by lapse.
Christopher Breese occurs vicar in 1593.
1602, *John Bottrell*, nominated by the Bishop, presented by *Thomas Hyrne*.
1608, *Thomas Howlet*, by Sir *Thomas Hyrne*, on the Bishop's nomination.
1633, *Thomas Gooch*. *Ditto*.
Herbert Ward occurs vicar in 1662.
Mr. *Haylet* died vicar in 1720.
William Allen, vicar, occurs in 1751.

Here were the guilds of St. *Peter*, of St. *Mary* in the chapel, of St. *William*, and the tabernacle of St. *Peter*; the lights of St. *Nicholas*, St. *Thomas*, St. *Christopher*, St. *Erasmus*, St. *Edmund*, St. *Anthony*, St. *Gregory*, St. *George*, *Holy Trinity*, St. *Catherine*, our Lady of Pity, St. *John Baptist*, and the plough light.

The temporalities of St. *Faith's* priory valued in 1428, at 28*s*. 10*d*. in rent, of *Walsingham*, in a turbary 3*s*. given by *William de Gyney*, son of *Roger*, by deed, *sans* date.

HELMINGHAM AND MORTON.

MORTON, now called *Morton on the Hill*, was anciently an hamlet belonging to *Helmingham*, and included therein, and on that account is not mentioned in *Domesday* Book. The principal lordship in this town was then in *William de Beaufoe* Bishop of *Thetford*, possessed by *Ailmar* Bishop of *Elmham*, in King *Edward's* time, and was in that see in the *Saxon* age: 3 carucates of land then belonged to it (held at the survey of Bishop *Beaufoe*, by *Geffrey* the archdeacon) also 8 villains, 9 borderers and one servus, 2 carucates in demean, and one and an half among the tenants, with 8 acres of meadow, and a mill. pannage for 11 swine and 19 sheep, 2 churches endowed with 10 acres valued at 8*d.* and 13 socmen held 40 acres of land, and 5 carucates and 2 acres of meadow, valued at 4*l.*[8]

The said Bishop, *William de Beaufoe*, held also in his own right, as a lay fee, another lordship, held by *Renold*, a freeman; before the survey 30 acres of land, (of this *Renold* Bishop *Ailmer* was only protector, or had the commendation only,) 2 villains, 3 borderers, and 2 carucates belonged to them and the tenants, valued at 10*s.* it was one leuca and an half long, and one broad, and paid 11*d.* gelt.[9]

HELMINGHAM MANOR.

In the 8th of *Richard* I. *William de Carechun* sold by fine to *Julian de Swathfield* one knight's fee and an half, for 30 marks;[1] *Thomas de Helmingham* was lord in the 15th of *Edward* I. had free warren, and the assise of bread and beer, and held half a fee of the Bishop of *Norwich*.—*Ralph* and *William de Helmingham, sans date*, are mentioned.

Eustace, son of *Roger de Poringland*, confirmed to *Thomas*, son of *Ralph Athelwald*, of *Weston*, and *Maud* his wife, and their heirs of messuage and all his lands in *Helmingham*, with the rents and services of his tenants and lands, &c. in *Weston* and *Ringland*, and sealed with the impress of a lion passant, under a branch of a tree, loaded with fruit, on the top a bird: and *Thomas Athelwald* of *Weston* presented

[8] Terra Epi Tedfordensis ad episcopatu' p'tinens T. R. E.

Helmingham tenuit Ailmar. Eps. T. R. E. p. manerio. et iii car. t're. mo. ten. Goufrid. archidiacon. de epo. tc. viii vill. mo. iiii sep. ix bor. tc. i ser. mo. null. semp. ii car. in d'nio. semp. i car. et dim. hom. et viii ac p'ti et i molin. modo xi porc. et xix. ovs. ii ecclie. x ac. et val. viid. et xiii soc tenet id'. de xl. ac. t're. semp. v car. et ii ac. p'ti. semp. val. iiii lib.

[9] Terra ejusd. de feudo.——In Helmingham, ten. Renold. i lib. ho. xxx ac. terre de quo habuit Epi. Ailmar. com'-datione. tantu. semp. ii vill. et iii. bord. tc. ii car. int. se et hom. m°. i sep. val. x sol. et ht. i lg. et dim. in longo. et i in lato et reddit xi*d.* de gelto regis, qcuq. ibi tenant.

[1] In the 2d of King John, this Will. and Julian held each a moiety of the demean lands, but Julian resigned to William the capital mansion and advowson by fine.

to this church as lord in 1318, and in the 11th of the said King, *John* and *Thomas de Helmingham*, parson of *Felmingham*, conveyed their right in this lordship and advowson to *Thomas Athelwald* and *Maud* his wife.

In 1330, *John de Weston* was lord, and presented, and *Maud de Weston* in 1349. *John de Weston*, by his will dated *June* 4, 1375, bequeaths his body to be buried in the chapel next the chancel of the church of St. *Margaret* the Virgin, in *Helmingham*, appoints *Eleanor* his wife, executrix, and gives this lordship to *Thomas*, his son,[a] which extended into *Weston*, and was proved that year; *Eleanor* died in 1386, and was buried in the said chapel; he was probably descended from *Robert de Weston*, who married *Hawis*, sister and heir to *Ralph de Rovecester*, or *Rochester*, which *Ralph* married *Eva*, daughter of *Hamon Peche*, from whom the *Tudenhams* had some right here and in *Weston*.

Margaret, widow of *Edmund Bedingfeld*, Esq. of *Oxburgh*, sister and heir to Sir *Thomas Tudenham*, died seized of an interest here, in the reign of *Edward* IV.

The heirs of *Thomas* and *John de Weston* were found, in the 3d of *Henry* IV. to hold here, in *Weston*, and *Ringland*, half a fee of the Bishop, as parcel of his barony, and in 1417, *Henry Johnson*, Esq. presented to the church as lord of the manor, and in the 10th of *Henry* IV. *Julian* wife of *John de Weston*, and *John*, her son conveyed it to *John de Inglesthorp*,

Nicholas Walter, vicar of *Snetesham*, received of the lady *Margaret*, late wife of Sir *Robert de Berneye*, Knt. and executrix of his last will, 20*l.* sterling, in part of a larger sum due to him, for the manor of *Helmingham*; dated at *Gunton*, *Friday* after *Epiphany*, in the 3d year of King *Henry* V.

In the 18th of *Henry* VI. *Margaret*, wife of *Stephen Palgrave*, one of the daughters and heirs of *Thomas Weston*, granted her right herein to *George Draper*, of *Norwich*, as did *William Goodburgh*, and *Catharine* his wife, another of the daughters; and in the 23d of that King *Henry Apehagh* and *Alianore* his wife, another of the daughters and coheirs, conveyed their interest to *John Norman* and *Joan* his wife, probably a coheiress also; this *John* presented to the church in 1452, and in 1469.

Richard Southwell had an interest here in the 22d of *Edward* IV. and *Francis Southwell* of *Windham* and *Dorothy* his wife, presented in 1504, and *Richard Southwell*, Esq. in 1531, and in 1559, by the title of Sir *Richard*.

Thomas Southwell, Esq. presented in 1599: he built the manor-house here, and dying *s. p.* was buried in the church in 1609. After this many law-suits were commenced about the right of this manor, which after long contests, was settled on *Denzany Southwell*, Esq. (a younger son of *Thomas Southwell*, Esq. of *Spixworth*) who by *Mary*, his wife, daughter of *Thomas Shuthwell* of *Biskton*, in *Shropshire*, had *Thomas*, his son and heir.

In the 28th of *Elizabeth*, it appears that the *Southwells* held in this town, *Morton*, and *Ringland*, 20 messuages, 10 cottages, 10 tofts, 2 dove-houses, 300 acres of land, 120 of meadow, 200 of pasture, 60 of

[a] Reg. Heydon, fol. 96. b. and Reg. Harsike. fol. 77. b.

wood, 1000 acres of furze, 300 of moor, 40 of marsh, with 6*l.* rent, and the advowsons of the churches of *Helmingham*, and *Ringland*.

Thomas, son and heir of *Denzany Southwell*, was a counseller of *Greys Inn*, and died *s. p.* at *Lovain*, in *Flanders*: he sold this manor, *June* 18, 1642, to Sir *Arthur Jenny*, Knt. and his grandson, *Suckling Jenny*, Esq. conveyed it in 1691, to *Nicholas Helwys*, Gent. of *Norwich*, who presented in 1702.

William Helways presented in 1724, who gave it to his sister, *Catherine*, and she to her niece, *Bladwell*, who married *Charles Le Grys*, Esq. the present lord.

EAST'S, REEFHAM-HALL, ALIAS ESCOIS MANOR.

WALTER GIFFARD Earl of *Bucks* had also a lordship, held before the Conquest by a freeman, being 2 carucates of land, one villain, and 3 borderers, 3 servi; 2 carucates in demean belonged to it, and half a carucate among the tenants, with 4 acres of meadow, a mill, and 12 socmen had 30 acres of land, 3 carucates and 2 acres of meadow, valued at 40*s. per ann.*[3]

Alexander de Refham held lands of the honour of *Clare*, (which came to the Earls of *Clare*, by marriage of the heiress of *Giffard*,) and was impleaded for obstructing a way in this town, in 36th of *Henry* III.

Simon Est held also, in the said reign, of *Adam de Lyons*, the 4th part of a fee, of whom see in *Weston*.

In the 9th of *Edward* III. *John*, parson of *Rackheath*, and *John*, son of *Thomas Athelwold*, of *Weston*, convey it by fine to *Richer*, son of *Symon East*, soon after it was united to *Helmingham* manor, &c. and so remains.

The tenths of this town and *Ringland* united were 3*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* Deducted 6*s.* 8*d.*

The CHURCH of *Helmingham, alias Morton*, is dedicated to St. *Margaret*, the ancient valor was 4 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence 6*d.* the present valor is 8*l.* 14*s.* 6*d.* and is discharged of first fruits and tenths.

Here were at the survey two churches, one belonging to this town and the other most likely to *Morton*, which seems to have been dilapidated some centuries past.

In the church a gravestone with the arms of *Jermy*, *Thomas Jermy, obt.* 4, *Sept.* 1503, and impaling *Yelverton*; *Jermy* impaling *Brampton*, a saltire, between four cross crosslets fitchè, also impaling *Wroth argent*, on a bend *sable*, three lions heads erased, of the first, and crowned *or*. His portraiture is in brass, and in armour.

Orate p. aia. Joh. Wychingham, Armigi. qui, ob. 23, *Martij* 1505, and *Wychingham* impaling *Brampton*, his portraiture also in armour.

Orat. p. aia. Joh. Jermy.

[3] Terre Walteri Giffardi. In Helmingeham, ten. i lib. ho. t. r. e. ii car. tre. sep. i vil. et iii bor. et iii ser. tc. ii car. in dnio. p'. et mo. i et i posset restauri. sep. dim. car. hou. et iiii ac. pti. et i mol. et xii soc. xxx ac. tre. semp. iii car et ii ac. pti. sep. val. xl. sol.

In the chapel, on the north side of the church, against the north wall, an altar tomb;

Here lyeth the body of Thomas Southwell, Esq. second son of Sr Richard Southwell, of Wood Rysing in Norfolk, Kt. deceased, which Thomas lived unmarried with the good love and reputation of all men until the age of 60 *years, and so departed this life on Apr.* 8, 1609, *being lord of this manor and builder of the capital mansion house thereupon*—the arms of *Southwell* on the tomb.

Here lyeth Katherine Audley, of *Bere Church, in Essex, widow, she dyed Nov.* 29, 1611, *in the* 80 *year of her age, and lived* 45 *years a widdow, she kept good hospitality, and was charitable to the poor.*

Mary, wife to Densany Southwell, Esq. lord of this manor, departed this life May 29, 1637.

In an arch against the north wall, an antique monument, no inscription, only a cross cut in wood.

RECTORS.

Martin, rector *sans date.*

1318, *Thomas de la Chambre,* instituted, presented by *Thomas Athelwold* of *Weston.*

1330, *Jeff. Egge,* by *Thomas de Weston,* citizen of *Norwich.*

1349, *Richard de Scardale,* by *Maud de Weston.*

1349, *Nicholas Attebek,* by *John de Weston.*

1368, Mr. *Dionysius de Eggefeld,* occurs rector.

1375, *Hugh Godeborn,* by *Thomas de Weston,* and *Walter de Middleton.*

1388, *John Jay,* occurs rector.

Alexander Denton, occurs rector 1407.

1417, *Robert Blaunche,* by *Henry Johnson,* Esq.

1421, *Richard Talbot,* occurs rector.

1452, *John Foster,* by *John Norman,* Esq.

1463, *Thomas Everard. Ditto.*

1466, *John Congham. Ditto.*

1469, *Thomas Sond. Ditto.*

1504, *John Wolmar,* by *Franc. Southwell* of *Windham* and *Dorothy* his wife.

1508, *Richard Marykys. Ditto.*

1512, *John Cross,* by the Bishop, a lapse.

1531, *Richard Breccles,* by *Richard Southwell,* Esq.

1537, *John Frend,* by Sir *Richard Southwell.*

1555, *Thomas Hewes,* by the Bishop.

1556, *John Whight,* by Sir *Richard Southwell.*

1559, *Richard Blackborn. Ditto.*

1599, *Christopher England,* by *Thomas Southwell,* Esq.

1631, *Thomas Stoughton,* A. M. by Sir *Edward Waldgrave.*

1678, *John Gibson,* A. M. by *Clement Horne,* Esq.

1702, *John Wells,* A. M. by *Nicholas Helwys,* Esq.

1723, *Edward Bulwer,* by *Nicholas Helwis,* Esq.

1724, *Jonathan Thornton,* by *William Helwys,* Esq.

1753, *Robert le Grys,* by *Catherine Helwys,* spinster.

Here were the gilds of St. *Margaret*, the lights of St. *Mary*, St. *Margaret*, and the Holy Sepulchre.

Nicholas Hokering, by his will in 1375, was buried in the chapel abovementioned; *Agnes*, wife of *William Loweth* of *Morton*, buried here in 1464.

Theophilus Adams and *Thomas Butler* of *London*, had a grant from Queen *Elizabeth*, *August*, 2. *A°*. 27, of some pasture ground here, lately belonging to the priory of *Horsham* St. *Faith's*.

The abbot of *Wendling* had several tenants here, as appears from a rental in the 20th of *Henry* VI. *John Jenkins* held a messuage, 5 acres and a half of land, one acre of meadow in the village of *Morton* within the parish of *Helmingham*, &c.

HILDERSTON.

CALLED in the book of *Domesday*, *Hidolfeston*, was a lordship of the Bishop of *Thetford*, belonged to the see in King *Edward's* reign; and there were 200 acres held in demean, by 12 villains and 22 borderers, 3 servi, with 2 carucates in demean, and 5 among the tenants, 312 acres of meadow, a mill, 2 beasts for burden, 20 cows, 40 swine, 40 goats, and 2 skeps of bees, and a church belonged to the manor, endowed with 26 acres, valued at 20*d*. was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 8*d*.½ gelt: this lordship, with those of *Norton*, *Geist*, and *Geistweit*, all belonging to the Bishop, were valued together at the survey at 13*l*. viiis. *per ann*.[4]

Herbert Bishop of *Norwich*, on his foundation of the priory, gave this manor to it as part of their endowment, and the said prelate granted to *Edric le Cat*, certain tenements with lands, &c. in this town, *Norton* and *Geist*; *Godfrey*, son of *John*, son of *Gilbert le Gross*, a descendant of the aforesaid *Edric*;[5] setting forth that whereas great part of the said tenements and lands were alienated to several persons, and the rent of 40*s*. *per ann*. payable for the same was in arrears to the prior and convent for several years, on that account, grants by deed to the said prior, &c. *November* 1, in the 31st of *Edward* I. all the demeans, &c. aforesaid, with the services, wards, reliefs, view of frank pledge, &c.

Ralph, son of *Petronilla de Hyndelveston*, granted to *Roger*, prior of *Norwich*, &c. land here, as did *Ralph* and *Adam*, sons of *John le*

[4] Terre Epi. Tedfordensis, ad Episcopatu. p'tinens. T. R. E.——Hidolfestuna tenet. eps. in dnio. p'. man. et p'. cc. ac. sep. xii villi. et xxii bord. et iii ser. et ii car. in dnio. et v. car. hom. tc. silv. de porc. mo. ccc xii ac. pti. i mol. sep. ii runc. et xx anim. et xl. porc. xl cap. ii vasa apu. et i ecclia. in manerio de xxvi ac. et val. xx*d*. ht. i leug. in longo et i in lato, et reddit viii*d*. et obol. de g.

[5] Reg. Cath. Norw. 5. fol. 91.

Chillour of Hyndelveston, all the lands of the prior's fee, to *William de Kirkeby*, prior.[5]

In 1428, the temporalities of the priory were valued at 18*l.* 0*s.* 1*d. ob.*

On the dissolution of the priory, it came to the Crown, but on the foundation of the deanery and chapter of *Norwich*, it was vested in them, and continued so, with the impropriate rectory and patronage of the vicarage, and the demean lands are held by Sir *Jacob Astley*, Bart. lessee, who has a good manor-house near the church.

The tenths were 1*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *George*, was anciently a rectory, but appropriated by *John de Grey* Bishop of *Norwich*, to the priory, and a vicarage was settled, valued together at 17 marks, and *Peterpence* 7*d. ob.*; the present valor of the vicarage is 6*l.* 0*s.* 11*d.*

It contains a nave, a north and south isle, covered with lead, and a chancel, and has a tower with 4 bells; in 1445, *John Swift* of this town, gave a legacy to the building of the new tower.

Here is a grave-stone,

In memory of Beatrice Byllye, daughter and heir of Dionyse Sheringham, late wife of John Byllye, who died Nov. 24, 1621, *and gave* 20*l. to the repair of the church, and* 20*l. to the relief of the poor.*

One

In memory of John Bullye of this town, who left 15*l. to purchase some land, the rent thereof to be given to the poor yearly for ever; he died Aug.* 19, 1586.

Also one for

Denys Sheringham, who died on St. Luke's Day, 1557.

VICARS.

Henry de Marthum occurs vicar, in 1277.

1308, *John de Swanton*, presented by the prior and convent

1349, *Hugh Grubbe*. *Ditto.*

Richard de Hony and *Robert de Waterden*, are said to be vicars before this *Hugh.*

William Cultych, vicar.

1360, *Robert Attegrym*. *Ditto.*

Robert Nathyn, vicar.

1378, *Robert de Stodey.*

1678, *Hugh Theke.*

Eustace Brown, vicar.

1386, *William Markaunt.*

1410, *Peter Crow.*

1418, *John Nychol.*

1431, *Robert Jordan.*

Thomas Jurdan, vicar.

Reg. 1 fol. 132, 133.

1458, *John Shyming.*
1462, *Robert Smith.*
John Smith, vicar.
1476, *Henry Wroo.*
William Eton, vicar.
1519, *Thomas Ward.*
1531, *Thomas Tompson.*
1536, *John Clerkson.*
1544, *Richard Quicquam.*
Thomas Palling.
1588, *Thomas Mann*, by *Gyles Symonds*, Esq. farmer of it.
Rouse Burton occurs vicar in 1633.
1662, *Edward Voice*, presented by the dean and chapter.
1663, *Thomas Picard.*
1686, *Clement Hutton.*
1703, *Richard Osborn.*
1721, *Francis Say*, by the dean, &c.
1740, *Thomas Gregory. Ditto.*
1741, *George Watson. Ditto.*
1749, *John Knipe.*

Here were the guilds of St. *George*, St. *Mary*, and St. *Peter*; and the lights of St. *Mary*, St. *Nicholas*, and St. *Christopher.*

KERDESTON OR CARDESTON,

CUM

REEPHAM.

BURGOLION'S MANOR.

WILLIAM EARL WARREN had a lordship here, of which *Godwin* a freeman, was deprived, (this was Earl *Goodwin* father of King *Harold*,) on whose death the Conqueror seized it, and *Ralph* held it at the survey, under the Earl *Warren*; it consisted of 2 carucates of land with 16 villains, 20 borderers, and 2 servi, 2 carucates in demean, 3 carucates among the tenants, and 8 acres of meadow, paunage for 40 swine, 2 runci, 4 cows, &c. 60 sheep, 24 goats, and a moiety of a church endowed with 7 acres. One socman had 5 acres of land, and a freeman 30 and an half, and a priest 7 acres; among these there was one carucate valued at 5*l.* and one freeman was added to this manor, in the time of *William* the Conqueror, with 45 acres of land, and 6 borderers; there were always among them and the tenants, a carucate and half, and an acre and an half of meadow, a fourth part of a mill, valued at 20*s.* the whole is by an exchange of two manors

at *Lewes*; this lordship was one leuca long, and half a one in breadth, and paid 15*d*. gelt whoever possessed it.[7]

This lordship was held by the family of *Burgulion*; *William de Burgulion* died lord in the 3d of *Edward* I. Of this family see in *Snoring Magna*. On the death of Sir *Hugh le Burgulion*, about the 23d of *Edward* III. Sir *Ralph Shelton* of *Shelton* in *Norfolk* was found his cousin and heir, and *John*, son and heir of Sir *John Shelton*, who died *December* 21, in the 31st of *Henry* VIII. had livery of it.

Catherine, widow of *Edmund Lomner*, Esq. had her first court in the 5th and 6th of *Philip* and *Mary*.

It was after in the *Pastons*, and *William* Earl of *Yarmouth* was lord.

CALTHORP'S MANOR.

Sir William de Calthorp, and *Ela* his wife, had land conveyed to them in the 15th of *Edward* I. by *William de Kerdeston*, and held a lordship here; in the 3d of *Henry* IV. Sir *William Calthorp* was found to hold the 3d part of a fee of Sir *Ralph Shelton*, and he of the dutchy of *Lancaster*; from the *Calthorps* it came by marriage to the *Parkers*.

Robert Geare, of *Baugh* in *Yorkshire*, Gent. and *Thomas Corbet* of *London*, Gent. were lords of *Kerdeston-Repham* manor, in the 12th of *James* I. and *Edward Hayward*, Esq. son of *Richard Hayward* of *Kerdeston*, was lord in the 24th of *Charles* I. and succeeded by *William* his brother: his 2 sons, *Francis* and *Daniel*, died *s. p.* and *Rebecca*, their sister and coheir, married *Francis Anyson*, attorney, of *Norwich*, and lord; *Elizabeth* her sister married *Daniel Westhall*.

Anyson left three daughters and coheirs; *Hannah*, wife of *Thomas* S^t^. *John* of *Tudenham*, Gent. —— *Sarah*, unmarried in 1698, and *Rebecca*, wife of ——— *Nawle*, attorney, of *Norwich*.

KERDESTON MANOR.

Another lordship in this town was in *Ralph* Lord *Bainard*; of this, *Tord*, a freeman, was deprived at the conquest, and *Jeffrey Bainard* held it under *Ralph* at the survey; 2 carucates of land belonged to it, 30 villains and 14 borderers, with 2 servi; there were 2 carucates in demean, 4 among the tenants, and 5 acres of meadow, &c. 50 sheep, 60 goats, 2 skeps of bees, and 3 socmen, &c. had 25 acres of land, &c. valued at 4*l*. and 5*s*.; to this manor there belonged tenants in *Refham*, and are valued there.[8]

[7] T're Willi de Warrenna—Kerdestuna ten. Godwinus i lib. ho T. R. E. mo id. R. ii car. t're. sep. xvi. vill. et xx bor. tc. ii s. sep. ii car. in d'nio. et iii car. ho'u' et viii ac. p'ti. silv. xl por. tc. ii. r. mo. null. tc. iiii an. mo. vi tc. xl por. mo. vii et mo. lx ov. et xxiiii cap. et dim. eccle vii ac. et i soc. v ac. t're. et i lib. ho. xxx ac. t're. et dim. i p'sbitr. vii ac. t're sep. int. om's i car. ep. val. c sol. et i lib. ho. addit. huic manerio T. R. W. xlv ac. t're. et vi bor. sep. int. se et ho'es. car. et dim. et i ac. et dim. p'ti silv. x por. et quart. part. uni. mol. et val. xx sol. et hoc totu' e. p. escang. de ii ab; maneriis de Leg's. et ht. i leug. in longo, et dim. in lato, et reddit xv*d*. in geltu' Regis, q'icq; ibi teneat.

[8] Terre Radi. Bainardi—In Kerdestuna ten. Tord p. man. i lib. ho. t.r.e. ii car. t're modo tenet Gaosfrid. Bainard

The family of *Kerdeston* was early enfeoffed of this lordship;[a] *Rose de Kerdeston* held it by one fee and an half of the barony of *Bainard*, and *William de Kerdeston* in the 26th of *Henry* III. in the 43d of *Henry* III. *John de Eschalers*, and *Alice* his wife, conveyed by fine to *Fulk de Kerdeston*, one carucate of land here, and in *Refham*.

John de Kerdeston was living in King *Henry* the Third's reign; and in the 15th of *Edward* I. *William de Kerdeston* claimed free warren in his demean lands. *Roger de Kerdeston* died in the 11th of *Edward* III. and *William* was found to be his son and heir, aged 30; he was a knight, and died about the 35th of *Edward* III. and *William* was his son and heir, by *Joan de Brews*, (daughter of *Edmund Bacon*, Esq.) his first wife, by *Margery* he had a daughter *Maud*, who was the wife of *John Burgherst*, father of Sir *John Burgherst*, lord of *Ewelme* in *Oxfordshire*.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. Sir *Leonard de Kerdeston* held half a fee of the barony of *Baynard*, and 2 parts of the 3d part of a fee of *William de Clopton*, of the dutchy of *Lancaster*.

Sir *Thomas Kerdeston*, lord, and *Elizabeth* his wife, were living in the 4th and in the 14th of *Henry* VI. when *William de la Pole* Earl of *Suffolk*, and *Alice* his wife, daughter and heir of *Thomas Chaucer*, Esq. son of the famous poet of that age, (and late relict of Sir *John Phelip*,) released to Sir *Thomas*, all their right in this manor, (formerly Sir *William Kerdeston's*, son and heir of Sir *Roger*;) it is to be observed, that *Chaucer* married *Maud*, daughter and coheir of Sir *John Burgherst* abovementioned. Sir *Thomas* gave 300 marks to the *Augustine* friars of *Norwich*, to find three of their friars to celebrate for his soul, and of *Elizabeth*, and *Philippa* his wife, daughter of Sir *John Trussell*, Knt. in 1448.[b]

In the 20th of *Henry* VI. this lordship was settled on *William* Marquis of *Suffolk*, and *Alice* his wife; Sir *Thomas Kerdeston* left a daughter and heir, *Elizabeth*, married to Sir *Terry Robsert*, but I do not find she had an interest herein; *John Delapole* Duke of *Suffolk*, and *Edmund* his son, (as heirs of *William* Duke of *Suffolk*,) enjoying it, for in the 22d of *Henry* VII. Sir *John Peche* had a grant from that King of this lordship of *Kerdeston*, valued at 24 *per ann.* (on *June* 5,) parcel of the lands of *Edmund de la Pole* Earl of *Suffolk*.

Sir *Robert Drury*, Sir *John Haydon*, &c. petitioned King *Henry* VIII. for this manor, in the behalf of *Margaret de la Pole*, widow of *Edmund* Earl of *Suffolk*, granted away after the death of *John de la Pole* and *Edmund* Earl of *Suffolk*, by King *Henry* VII. and King *Henry* VIII. which was after the 30th of *April*, in the 5th of *Henry* VIII. when the said *Edmund* was executed. In the 33d of *Henry* VIII. *Charles Brandon* Duke of *Suffolk* possessed it; and on *December* 11, in the 38th of the said King, it was granted to the dean and chapter of *Christ* church in *Oxford*, late (as it is said) Sir *Richard*

tc et p. xxx vill. et mo. xvi. et mo. xiv bor. tc. et p. iis. mo. i sep. ii car. in d'nio. tc. et p. iiii car. ho'um. mo. iii et v ac. p'ti. silv. xx. por. ii r. mo. iiii tc. iiii an. mo. x sep. xl por. mo. l. ov. tc. lx cap. mo. xxviii et ii vasa apu' et iii soc dim. xxv ac t're. sep. dim. car. sep. val. iiii lib. et v sol. huic t're jacent ho'es. in Refham et s't. app'tiati cu'ipsa t're et ht. Refham, &c.

[a] Testa de Nevil.

[b] Sir Thomas also gave in 1448, a silver cross, and a silver dishes, and thus engraved; *Orate p. a'i'ab. Tho. Kerdeston, Militis, et Philippæ uxoris suæ filiæ Johis. Trussel, Militis.*

Southwell's; Sir *Richard* had a grant of it, *May 6, ao.* 37 of *Henry* VIII. with other lordships, and on an exchange conveyed it to the Crown in the 38th of that King.

Sir *James Bolcyn* of *Blickling* had also some interest here, granted to him by King *Henry* VIII. on *March* 22, in his 31st year, and had license in the 1st of Queen *Mary*, to alienate it to *Edmund Lonnor* and Sir *Thomas Paine*; in Sir *James's* grant, the 2 manors of *Kerdeston* and *Refham* are mentioned; and in the 2d of *Edward* VI. Sir *James* manumised two villains for 8*l.*

On *August* 22d Queen *Elizabeth*, in her 28th year, granted to *Ambrose Willoughby*, Esq. the site of *Kerdeston* manor, with lands; it was after in the Crown with the patronage of the church.

In the 14th of *Edward* I. *Roger de Winton* owed 11*l.* 10*s.* in arrears, for a certain serjeanty of the tenements, which *Thomas Cordebeef* held in this town, &c. rented at 30*s. per ann.*[2]

William de Kerdeston aliened, in the 4th of *Richard* II. lands here to the priory of *Redingfeld* in *Suffolk*.

William de Bellomonte, with the consent of *Joan* his wife, granted 5*s.* rent to the priory of *Castleacre*, and afterwards 2*s. per ann.* out of a tenement, for the soul of the said *Joan*.

The tenths were 7*l.* Deducted 36*s.* 8*d.*

REPHAM.

RALPH LORD BAYNARD held the manor of *Refham* at the survey' with that of *Kerdeston*, and was valued and accounted for together with his manor of *Kerdeston*, being together half a leuca long, 4 furlongs broad, and paid 3*d.* gelt.[3]

Sir *John de Vaux's* lordship of *Hackford* extended into this town; he obtained, in the 5th of *Edward* I. a charter for a weekly mercate on *Saturday*, and a fair on the eve, day, and morrow after the feast of St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*. It is a little town, and was remarkable for 3 churches being erected in one cemetery, viz. of *Refham*, *Whitwell*, and *Hackford*, adjoining little villages, two of these are still standing, but that of *Hackford* has been long since burnt.

The church of *Refham* serves also for the village of *Kerdeston*, as belonging to the same lords. There was formerly a chapel in *Kerdeston*, standing in a close on a hill, called the chapel close, no part of it is now standing, being carried away at times to build and repair neighbouring houses; some low, hollow ground may be observed, where it is said was a moat, &c. but it is more probable that this was the manor-house and chapel of the *Kerdestons*.

[2] Rot. Pip.

[3] Huic t're. (viz. Kerdestuna) jacent ho'es in Refham et s't. app'tiate cu' ipsa t'ra et' ht. Refham q'cq. ibi tenet dim. leug. in long. et iiii qr. in lato et iii*d.* de gelto.

The church of *Refham* is dedicated to St. *Mary's* nativity, and had 2 medieties, each valued at 17 marks and a half.—One mediety was called *Thomas's*, and paid *Peter*-pence, 15*d.* the other *Hugh's*, of the same value. In the 34th of *Henry* III. *Warine*, son of *Hugh*, and *Alice* his wife, *Hervy de Stanhow*, and *Ela* his wife, conveyed two parts of the advowson of a moiety of this church, to *Reymor*; one belonging to the Earl *Warren's* lordship, and the other to that of the Lord *Baynard*; and the prior of *Lewes* had a portion of tithe valued at 26*s.* 8*d.* being the tithes of the demean that *William de Kerdeston* gave;[4] and *Fulco Bainard* confirmed to them the gift of his grandfather, *Jeffrey*, and his father *Roger*; *Roger de Kerdeston*, and *William* his son, granted them 2 parts of the tithes of their demeans; witnesses, *Ardewyn*, the priest of *Kerdeston*, *Roger Baynard*, &c.—*Kerdeston* mediety held by *John Elliot*, valued at 10*l.* and that of *Refham*, by *R. Porter*, in 1507, at 8*l.* 0*s.* 12*d. ob.*

RECTORS.

William Baynard occurs rector of a mediety in 1261.
Alexander, rector.

1303, *Henry de Clavering* instituted, presented by Sir *Alex. de Clavering*; he and *Joan* his wife conveyed a moiety of the church, to *Rob. de Burgulion*, and agreed to present by turns: and *Alexander* sold, in the 4th of *Edward* II. to *William de Kerdeston*, a moiety.

1318, *William de Kerdeston*, by Sir *William de Kerdeston.*

1319, *Robert Quytfot* or *Whitfot*, *ditto*, living in 1342.

1327, *John de Bracham*, by Sir *Roger de Kerdeston.*

1347, *Peter de Calthorp*, by Sir *William de Kerdeston*,

1356, *Robert Attefaldgate. Ditto.*

1361, *Andrew de Lesset*, by *William de Bergh*, rector of *Cantele*, &c.

1390, *John Athelwald*, by *William de Claxton.*

1391, *Thomas Dykeon*, by Sir *Leond. de Kerdeston.*

1395, *Richard de Fawkener. Ditto.*

1402, *Robert Newent*, by Sir *Miles Stapleton*, and Sir *William Argenton*,

1422, *Thomas Boyleyn*, by Sir *Thomas Kerdeston.*

1429, *Robert Leycestre. Ditto.*

1427, *Richard Parker*, by Sir *Thomas Kerdeston*, and *Elizabeth* his wife.

1452, *Richard Overes*, by *Philippa* Lady *de Kerdeston.*
William Stommys, rector.

1481, *Thomas Green*, by *John de la Pole* Duke of *Suffolk.*

1490, *John Hughson*, LL. B. *Ditto.*

1490, *Nicholas Cocket. Ditto.*

1493, *Thomas Croft*, by *Edmund* Earl of *Suffolk.*
John Brakeden, rector.

1507, *Ralph Porter.*

1508, *Thomas Bishop*, by Sir *John Pechy.*

1511, *James Rightwise.*

1521, *John Strutte*, to *Hugh's* portion, by Sir *John Pechy*

[4] Reg. Lewes, p. 271, 284.

1540, *John Strutte* to *Thomas's* mediety.
1558, *William Grimsby*, by the King and Queen, to *Hugh's* mediety.
1558 *William Grimsby*, to *Thomas's* mediety, by the King and Queen.
1563, *William Dawson*, by the King and Queen.
1574, *Richard Dawson*. *Ditto*.
1594, *Anthony Maxy* to both medieties.
1612, *Nicholas Howlet* to both, by the King.
Samuel Gardiner occurs rector 1662.
1672, *David Phillips*, by the King, and in the said year to the other mediety.
1674, *Charles Robotham* to a mediety, by *Francis Anyson*, Gent.
1674, *Henry Pitte* to a mediety, by *ditto*.
1681, *Nathaniel Osborn* to a mediety. *Ditto*.
1700, *John Robinson* to both medieties, by *Rebecca Annyson*, widow.
1723, *Francis St. John*, by *Sarah Annyson*, widow.
1756, *James Baldwin*, by Mrs. *Rebecca Ward*, widow.
1757, *Richard Priest*, instituted to *Reefham* and *Kerdeston*, presented to Mrs. *Ward* of *Norwich*.
St. *Mary* and St. *Margaret's* guild here.
The temporalities of *Walsingham* priory 8*d*.

The CHURCH has a square tower, a nave, chancel, and south isle covered with lead, and stands east of *Whitwell* church, in the same cemetery.

In the chancel of *Refham* church, on a gravestone, near the communion table,

M.S. Sub hoc marmore dilectos prope suæ Saræ cineres (tumuli jam sociæ, quæ et thalami fuit) depositæ sunt ad diem usq. censoriam asservandæ, mortales exuviæ Carolis Robotham, S. T. B. per multos rerum annorumq; vices, hujus ecclesiæ rectoris, qui sacro suo munere perfunctus, prout virum doctum, christianum, pium, pastorem fidum decuit, senio tandem, studiisq; fractus, fato cessit et nunc quem diu exercuit animarum curæ, beatum tenet societas.

Obt. Illa prid. cal. Sept. 1688, *æt.* 46, *Ille* 4 *cal. Apr.* 1790, *æt.* 74 *P. posuit defunct. gener Car. Starkey.* On the summit the arms of *Robotham*; on a fess between a lis impaling a lion rampant

On another marble gravestone,

Johannes Robinson A. M. Hujusce ecclesiæ annos 28, *rector, quo nemo vigilantior, exuvias hic deposuit mortales. Vis plura lector? omnes qui sermonibus interfuerunt narrare gestiunt, ut in docendo fælicitate, in delectando urbanitate, in suadendo gravitate, in recensendo sublimitate, facilem principatum obtineret, obt. Augi.* 26, *an. Æræ Christ.* M. D. CCXXIII. *ætat.* 67.

Near to this, one,

In memory of Martha his wife, who died in 1736, *aged* 65.

One,

In memory of Edward, the eldest son of Richard Heyward, in birth not obscure, of parts eminent, in the academy a pretious ornament in the

theory of all sciences, dignified in the worshipfull society of the Inner Temple, a patron of justice in his country, laudable in his life, peaceable in his death September 25, 1658, *aged* 64; and these arms, *argent*, on a pale, *sable*, three crescents of the first.

Another,

For Richard Heyward, gent. who died Apr. 29, 1608, *aged* 73.

In the said chancel, before the rails, on a marble stone, adorned with canopy work of brass, are the effigies of a knight in complete armour his hands erect and joined, at his feet a lion, with that of his lady in the dress of those days, both in brass: on a rim of brass which runs round the verge of this stone, was an epitaph in verse, now the gratest part of it is broke off and lost; this was,

In memory of Sir William Kerdeston and his lady, Cecilia, daughter of Brewes of Salle, and the epitaph was,

Faustus militiæ quondam Will'mus honore
Nupsit Cecilie Brewes virtutis amore,
De Kerdestone qui gaudebant - - - - - - -
Hic in pace bona latitent precor absq; reatu.
His subijt fatum, post fidis festa, peracta,
Virgo parens, natum pete, ne metuant malefacta.

Over his effigies was the shield of *Kerdeston*, and over her's that of *Brews*, but both are lost.

Orate p. a'i'a. Johs. Adwolde quondam rectoris eccl'ie de Kerdeston qui obt. ao. Dni. M.C.C.C.C. XXVI.

Under an enarched monument, raised against the north wall of the chancel, lies a Knight Templar of the *Kerdeston* family in armour, with his hands and legs crossed; on the basis of the monument are the effigies of 6 boys, and 4 girls; on the side of the canopy work are the arms of *Kerdeston*, but no inscription remains; this knight lies on stone work carved as a rock, with a lion at his feet, probably for Sir *Fulk de Kerdeston*, or (as some say) Sir *Thomas*, who died in 1270.

Here lyeth the body of Samuel Gardiner, late rector of Refham, who died 19 *of March*, 1671, *aged* 65; *and of Mary Thurrowgood his sister, who died March* 20, 1671, *aged* 63; with the arms of *Gardiner*, *sable*, a chevron, *ermin*, between three bugle horns, *argent*, and *Thurrowgood*, *azure*, on a chief, *argent*, three buckles mascle, of the first impaling *Gardiner*.

In the church,

Orate p. a'i'a. Margarete Camplyn cuj. a'i'e. &c. Ao. Dni M.VC.XXVII.

Ric. Heyward, gent. obt. 29. *Apr.* M.D.C.VIII *æt. suæ* 58.

In the north isle of the church a mural monument,

Alice wife of Bartholomew Ripinghale, relict of Henry Breese, died Apr. 24, 1744, *aged* 77.

Robert Breese died December 27, 1736, *aged* 77.

Mrs. Sarah Harborough, late of Hackford, died May 16, 1729, *aged* 79; and these arms - - - - a chevron, between 3 escallops - -.

Ambrose Cutting of Bacton, in Norfolk, gent. died in 1682, *aged* 59.

Amy, daughter of John Neale relict of Samuel Ryseborow, died November 7, 1729, *aged* 31.

In several windows of the church were the arms of *Kerdeston, gules,* a saltire ingrailed, *argent,* impaling, quarterly in the first and 2d, quarterly, on a bend, *azure,* three lis, in the 2d and 3d, *gules,* a caterfoil, *argent*; also *Calthorp, Vaux,* and *Burgulion.*

On a buttress of the north-east corner of the chancel, is a crucifix carved on the stone.

In this church was a famous image of the Virgin *Mary*; *Alice Cook* of *Horstead,* wife of *Robert Cook* of *Crostweyt,* in her will, dated 1428, "I will have a man to goo a pilgrimage to our Lady of *Refham* "St. *Spyryte,* to St. *Pernell* of *Stratton,* and to St. *Leonard* without "*Norwich.*"[5]

The town of *Refham* stands on a rising ground, a brook running at the lower end of it, that comes from *Brandeston,* and is called the *Eyn,* and empties itself into the *Wentsum,* by *Wichingham*; it is in the inclosed country, very fertile in barley, and gave name to a family; *Richer de Refham* was an eminent citizen of *London,* in the 30th of *Edward* I. and in the 6th of *Edward* II. had a grant, or confirmation of the manor of *Stamford Ryvere* in *Essex*; and in 1310, lord mayor of *London.*

LING.

ALFAH, a freeman, the reign of the Confessor, was lord, and had 3 carucates of land, 15 villains, 2 servi, and 2 carucates in demean; 3 among the tenants, 9 acres of meadow, paunage for 300 swine, one mill, and 5 socmen, had 24 acres of land, one carucate and 2 acres of meadow; at the survey it was possessed by *Alan,* Earl of *Richmond*; *Alfah* being deprived at the conquest.[6]

This *Alan* was a son of *Geffrey* Earl of *Britain* in *France,* and came into *England* with *William* Duke of *Normandy,* and commanded the rear of his army in the decisive battle and victory of *Hastings,* and was rewarded with the great earldom and honour of *Richmond,* which *Edwin* Earl of *Mercia* was deprived of: he married *Constance,* a

[5] Reg. Caston, fol. 91.

[6] Terre Alani Comitis——Ling ten. Alfah i lib. ho. T. R. E. iii car. t're. sep. xv vill. et ii ser. semp. ii car. in d'nio. tnc. iii car. hou'. p. et mo. ii et viiii ac. p'ti. silva ccc porc. et i mol. et v soc. xxiiii ac. t're. semp. i car. et ii ac. p'ti.

daughter of King *William* I. and at the survey we find him possessed of the following lordships in this county:

In *South-Greenhow* hundred, *Swafham, Nerford, Fouldon, Pagrave, Pickenham, North* and *South Cressingham.*—In *Launditch* hundred, *Mileham, Staufield.*—In *Fourhow* hundred, *Cossey, Babergh, Thorp, Barford, Easton, Huningham, Wramplingham, Brandon, Runhale, Carlton, Merlingford, Tokethorp.*—In *Mitford* hundred, *Tudenham, Apthorp, Yaxham, Baskeuey, Flockthorp, Westfield.*—In *Brodecross* hundred, *Sistern, Rudham.*—In *Holt* hundred, *Bruningham, Hunworth, Batheley.*—In *North Greenhow* hundred, *Dalling, Wurham, Holkham.*—In *North Erpingham* hundred, *Matingeless, Suffield, Gunton.*—In *West Flegg* hundred, *Somerton, Martham, Repps, Bastwick,* —In *Eynford* hundred, *Weston, Ling, Tudenham, Baldreswell, Below, Bec, Foxley, Billingford, Swanington.*—In *Taverham* hundred, *Taverham, Felthorp, Attlebrigg.*—In *South Erpingham* hundred, *Saxthorp, Scothow.*—In *Tunstede* hundred, *Worstede, Dilham, Panxeford.* —In *Happingham* hundred, *Hickling, Stanham, Ingham, Waxham.*— In *Clacklose* hundred, *Bycham.*—In *Frebridge* hundred, *Ilsington, Midleton, Wike, Bawsey, Walton.*—In *Shropham* hundred, *Baconsthorp.*—In *Gilcross* hundred, *Herling, Keninghale*—In *Earsham* hundred, *Aldbergh, Shelvanger.*—In *Happing* hundred, *Hapesbergh, Ludham, Catfield.*—In *Humbleyard* hundred, *Hederset, Dunston, Erleham, Florendon, Cringleford.*—In *Deepwade* hundred, *Carleton, Kekelington, Waeton, Tibenham, Aslacton, Moulton, Stratton, Tasbergh, Tanaton, Midleton, Mourningthorp.*—In *Clavering* hundred, *Thurverton.*

Ralph de Caineto, or *Cheyneys,* was lord and succeeded by *John* his son, whose sister and coheir, *Sibill,* married *William Fitz-Robert,* alias *de Cheney,* and had by him 3 daughters and coheirs. *Margaret,* the wife of *Hugh de Cressi; Clementia,* of *Jordan de Sackvile;* and *Sarah,* of *Richard Engayne.* In 1217, *Jordan de Sackvile,* and *Vitalis,* son of *Richard Engayne,* released their right to *Margaret,* who on the death of Sir *Hugh de Cressi* remarried *Robert Fitz-Roger,* but *Stephen de Cressi,* his brother, had an interest herein; and the jury find, in the 8th of *Edward* I. that he had great parcels of lands and rents here, as descended from the *Cheyneyes; Ermentruda,* his wife, after married *William de Statvile,* lord of *Gressenhale,* and in the 15th of *Edward* I. it was found that she held of the King, 15*l. per ann.* in land, at *Horsham,* and 10*l. per ann.* here in dower, and had married without the King's license, *Roger de Colvil,* senior, and that the lands were taken into the King's hands.

Margaret, widow of *Hugh de Cressi,* married *Robert Fitz-Roger,* in the 10th of the said King, and was lord in his wife's right of this town *Rudham,* and *Mileham,* holding one fee and an half, and a quarter of a fee, of the honour of *Richmond,* and *Roger de Cressi* is said to hold two knight's fees in *Fincham, Mileham, Nerford, Swaffham,* and here, of the said honour;[7] *Robert Fitz-Roger* had also a weekly mercate on *Thursday,* gallows, pillory, tumbrell, assise of bread and beer, frankpledge, and free warren.

Sir *Alexander de Clavering* was lord in the 23d of *Edward* I. and had then the grant of a fair.

In the 14th of *Edward* II. Dame *Joan de Clavering,* relict of Sir

[7] Regist. Coll. Mettingham, fol. 89.

Alexander de Clavering, son and heir of Sir *Robert Fitz-Roger*, granted, on *Friday* before the feast of St. *Michael*, to Sir *Walter de Norwich*, this lordship for life, paying to her the yearly rent of 60*l. per ann.* and if Sir *Walter* dies before her, it was to revert to her, otherwise to remain to him and his heirs.[8] Sir *John de Clavering*, younger brother of Sir *Alexander*, by his deed, dated on the feast of St. *Margaret* the Virgin, granted to Sir *Walter* in the said year, the reversion of this manor, which Dame *Joan de Clavering* held for life, on his paying 200*l.* sterling, and in the said year, Sir *Walter* had a charter for 2 fairs in the year.

In the 17th of *Edward* III. Sir *John de Norwich* had license to make castles of his manor-houses at *Ling*, and *Mettingham* in *Suffolk*; and in the 47th of that King, Sir *John de Norwich*, the last of that family, conveyed to Sir *John de Plays*, Sir *Robert Howard*, Sir *Roger Boys*, &c. this manor in trust, to settle it on his college of *Mettingham*, in *Suffolk*, and Sir *Roger Boys*, by patent, granted in the 5th of *Richard* II. settled it accordingly, and it was held by a quarter of a fee of the honour of *Richmond*.

At the dissolution of this college, *April* 8, it was granted by King *Henry* VIII. in his 33d year, to Sir *Anthony Denny*, on *April* 14, following, and in this family it continued till sold to the Earl of *Yarmouth*, and was purchased by the Lord *Anson*, who presented in 1757, whose brother, *Thomas Anson*, Esq. is the present lord: this lordship, in Sir *Anthony Denny's* time, paid a rent of 25*s. per ann.* (*Richmond* fee) to the lord of *Swafham*, in *Norfolk*, but his heirs were discharged by letters patent.

Sir *Robert Hovell* claimed part of this manor and patronage, as a gift from Sir *Hugh Cressy*, and granted, by fine, his right of patronage of the church, to *Richard*, abbot of St. *Mary* of *Sibeton* in *Suffolk*, with land called *Hodesaker*, in the 53d of *Henry* III. but *Walter*, abbot of *Sibeton* regranted it to *Robert Fitz-Roger*, in the 10th of *Edward* I. and after this, recovered seizen of this 3d part, valued at 10*l. per ann.* against *Walter de Langton* Bishop of *Litchfield* and *Coventry*, and *Hugh Hovel*, and had 45*l.* damages allowed him, and the deed by which the *Hovells* claimed was proved a forgery.

The tenths were 3*l.* 6*s.* Deducted 6*s.*

Here was in ancient days, a religious house or nunnery, which is said to have been removed to *Thetford*, about 1176, at the request of *John* of *Oxford* Bishop of *Norwich*, *Jeffrey Ridell*, archdeacon of *Canterbury*, and *William de Camera*, sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, but it was rather after this. In the 34th of *Henry* III. mention is made in a pleading of the house of the nuns at *Ling*;[9] and in the 15th of *Edward* I. the jury found the claim of the prioress of St. *George*, in *Thetford*, for a fair at *Lyng*, on the feast of St. *Edmund* yearly. In the 16th of *Henry* VI. the prioress aliened by the King's license, to the parson of *Ling*, St. *Edmund's* chapel, belonging to the late nunnery, with several lands here, paying 4 marks *per ann.* viz. 6 acres of land, 3 of meadow, 5*s.* 9*d.* rent, with a messuage; also 6 acres of land with 32*s.* 4*d.* rent, in *Feltwell*; a moor and a fishery at *Hockwold*, held of the manor of *Southall* in *Feltwell*, with lands and tenements in *Foulden*.

[8] Reg. Coll. Met. fol. 36.

[9] Plia. ao. 34 Hen. 3.

George Horseman, Esq. of *Boton* in *Norfolk*, by his will, dated *December* 2, 1558, appears to have a manor, tenements, and St. *Edmund's* chapel in *Ling*.[1]

The CHURCH consists of 2 isles covered with thatch, a chancel, and has 6 bells.

It is a rectory dedicated to St. *Clement*, formerly valued at 20 marks, *Peter*-pence 4*d*. The present valor is 11*l*.

In the church on gravestones,

Orate p. a'i'ab; Rici. Wallys, Christiane et Alicie uxor. suar.—Hen. Gay, gen. obt. 5, die mens. Junij, 1584, *æt.* 56.

In the chancel a gravestone,

In memory of Ralph Knevet, rector, died in 1671, *aged* 71.

Solomon Leach gave 10*s*. for a sermon to be preached yearly, on the *Sunday* after *All-Saints* day, and 12*d*. weekly in bread, &c. to poor widows.

The patronage went along with the lordship.

RECTORS.

Reginald occurs rector, *ao.* 9 *Henry* III.

1304, *John Walram* instituted, presented by Sir *Alexander de Clavering*.

1305, *John Bard*. *Ditto*.

1305, *John Walram*. *Ditto*.

1317, Mr. *John de Bitteryng*, by Lady *Joan de Clavering*.

1338, Mr. *Richard de Ling*, by *Remigius de Hetherset*, and *Robert Clere*.

1339, *William de Mortimer*. *Ditto*.

1343, *Nicholas de Hederset*, by Sir *John de Norwich*.

1349, *Oliver Platun*, by Sir *John de Norwich*.

1381, *Richard de Cratefeld*, by Sir *John Plays*, Sir *Robert Howard*, Sir *Roger de Boys*, *John Wolterton*, &c.

1387, *Robert Gosselyn*. *Ditto*.

1392, *Henry Burwood*, by *Richard Cratefeld*, custos, or master of the college of *Norton Soupcors*.

1424, *Robert Popy*, by the master of *Mettingham* college.

1470, *Robert Moor*. *Ditto*.

1480, *Richard Langham*. *Ditto*,

1486, *Richard Kaa*. *Ditto*.

1495, Mr. *Peter Fauston*. decret. bac. *Ditto*.

1518, *Thomas Mason*. *Ditto*.

1541, *John Denney*. *Ditto*.

1554, *Christopher Meltham*, by *Hugh Brown*, and *Richard Denny*, on a grant of *John Denney*, of *Cheshunt*, in *Hertfordshire*, Esq.

1554, *William Canvas*, by *John Denney*, Esq.

1555, *Richard Dunning*, LL.B. by *Thomas Graunge*, on a grant of *Jn. Denney*.

[1] Regist. Goldingh. Norf.

1557, *Thomas Brewer*. by *Roger Bulwer*, a grant from *Jn. Denney*.
1561, *John Machet*, A. M. by *John Denney*, Esq.
1570, *Thomas Brome* or *Brown*, by *Richard Partrick*, a grant from *ditto*.
1574, *Richard Haywood*, by *Thomas Seaman*, *hac vice*.
1575, *Richard Doughty*, by *John Denney* of *How*, Esq.
1576, *William Fenton*, S.T.B. by *John Denney*, Esq.
1577, *Thomas Clarkson*, A.M. *Ditto*.
1584, *Richard Graunge*, by *John Graunge*, a grant from *John Denney*.
1609, *Robert Hulliard*, A.M. by *G. Tounson*.
1613, *Thomas Howlet*, A.M. by *John Denney*, Esq.
1652, *Ralph Knevet*.
1673, *John Doughty*, by *John Corance*, Esq.
1702, *Thomas Roberts*, by *William Cecil*, clerk.
1728, *William Harvey*, by *Robert Harvey*, Esq.
1748, *Nathaniel Ponder*, by *John Bennet*, Gent. *hac vice*, on a grant from the Earl of *Yarmouth*.
1757, *James Baldwin*, by the Lord *Anson*.

Here were the sepulchre light, and the common torches; St. *Edmund*, St. *Margaret*, and St. *John* Baptist's gilds.

RINGLAND.

William Beaufoe's lordship of *Helmingham* extended into this town, and was the capital manor of it, being that lordship which he held in his own right, as a lay fee, and granted to him by the Conqueror, on the expulsion of *Renold*, as may be seen there: as the same lords at all times possessed it, I refer the reader to that town.

Walter Giffard Earl of *Bucks* had also a small fee, out of which 3 freemen were ejected, who had 60 acres of land and a carucate, with 2 carucates and 2 acres of meadow, valued at 10*s*. The soc belonged to the King's manor of *Folsham*, in King *Edward's* reign, but now belonged to *Walter*.[a]

Adam de Lions held part of this in the reign of *Henry* III. (see *Lions* manor in *Weston*,) and *Simon Est*, in the said reign; see *East's* manor in *Helmingham*.

In the time of *Henry* VI. the *Atmeres* had an interest in a lordship belonging to this fee, held of the honour of *Clare*, and was called

[a] Terre Walti. Giffardi——In Remingelanda iii libi. ho'es. lx. ac. t're sep. i car. et ii ac. p'ti. val. x sol. soca in Folsh. Regis, T. R. E. mo. tenet W.

BROCKDISH MANOR.

WILLIAM ATMERE, and *Alice* his wife, had an interest here, 25th of *Henry* VI. and in the 1st of *Edward* IV. *William Atmere* paid a fine of 20*l.* on his entry to part of it, and *Thomas Atmere* in the 22d of *Henry* VII. paid a fine to *John* Earl of *Oxford*, high steward of the honour of *Clare*.

William Atmere of *Ringland* paid 20*l.* fine on his entry on part, (on the death of his father *Thomas*,) in the 6th of *Edward* VI. *June* 25, and *Firmin Neave* paid his fine in the 20th of *Elizabeth*, to *Nicholas Bacon*, Esq. then high steward, on his purchasing this part of *Thomas Atmere*, and the *Le Neves* possessed it in 1640.

Firman Neve and *Mary* his wife sold all his lands here to *Francis Neve* of *Wichingham*, Esq. on *March* 14, 1684; and *Francis* in 1640, gave them to *Henry*, son of his late brother *Robert*; and *Francis*, son of *Henry*, gave them to *Oliver le Neve* of *Wichingham*.

The tenths of this town with *Helmingham* were 3*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*—Deducted 6*s.* 8*d.*

The CHURCH of *Ringland* was formerly a rectory, valued at 9 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence 12*d.* *Julian de Swathfield*, lord of the manor under Bishop *Beaufoe*, gave this rectory to the abbey of West *Derham*, which was confirmed to them by King *John* in his 2d year, but in the 27th of *Edward* I. an assise was brought by *Thomas de Helmingham*, against the abbot for this church, wherein it is set forth that *Julian de Swathfield*, his ancestor held it, who had issue, *Thomas*, who had *William*, father of *Peter*, who had *Thomas*, the present petent, but the abbot maintained his right, producing the grant of *Julian*, and the confirmation of the appropriation of the church by the Bishop and prior of *Norwich*, so that the church was appropriated at that time, and probably on the grant of it in King *John's* time, when a vicarage was settled, valued in 1293 at 26*s.* 8*d.*; the present valor is 6*l.* 16*s.* and is discharged of first fruits and tenths.

VICARS.

Thomas, occurs vicar, in 1288.
1318, *John Tylly* instituted, presented by the abbot, and nominated by the Bishop of *Norwich*.
1330, *Robert Graunt*. *Ditto*.
1349, *John de St. Faith's*. *Ditto*.
1349, *John Brian*. *Ditto*.
1359, *Robert de Stedey*. *Ditto*.
1361, *John Gardener*. *Ditto*.
1368, *Henry Attemoor*. *Ditto*.
1375, *Henry Chedryk*. *Ditto*.
1383, *William Enges*. *Ditto*.
1392, *Nicholas Howton*. *Ditto*.
1400, *Rich. Heringfiet*. *Ditto*.
1485, *Richard Causton*. *Ditto*.

1439, *John Symonds*, presented by the abbot, &c.
1481, *Godfrey Penyston. Ditto.*
1514, *Thomas Same alias Gorham.*
1546, *Thomas Church*, by the King; this came to the Crown on the Dissolution of the abbies &c.
1555, *John Whight*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1558, *Richard Blackburn. Ditto.*
1598, *George Burton*, by the Queen.
1603, *Thomas Parlington*, by the King.
1605, *Samuel Bush*, by the Bishop of *Ely*, who on the exchange of lands belonging to his see, in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, had the impropriate rectory granted to him, and his successors.
1626, *Miles Harman. Ditto.*
1662, *John Gibson. Ditto.*
1667, *John Sheffield. Ditto.*
1715, *Phil. Smith. Ditto.*
1783, *Charles Ames. Ditto.*
1755, *John Jeffrey. Ditto.*

The CHURCH has 3 isles and a chancel, a square tower and 5 bells.

In the middle isle,

Orate p. a'i'a Joh. At Mere et Elizabethe uxor. suæ, qui quidem Joh. obt. 3°. die Nov. A. D. 1506, *&c.*

Hic jacet Robertus Neve, filius et heres Joh. tertio geniti Rob. Le Neve de Tyveteshale, Gen. qui obt. A°. Dni. 1558.

Here lyeth the body of John Leverok, Gent. buried Janu. 27, 1657, *in the grave of John Laverock, his great grandfather, Æt. suæ* 64.

Orate p, a'i'a. Rob. Outlaw.

In the east window of the north isle, several persons kneeling before a crucifix, and with labels—*S'ca Trinitas, unus Deus, miserere nobis*—Underneath—*Orate p. fratrib; et sororib; gilde S'ce Trinitatis, qui fieri fecerunt istam fenestram.*—In the church was also the guild of St. *Mary:* mention is made in 1467, of a cloth to cover the image of the holy spirit, in this church.[3]

In the east window of the south isle, *gules*, three cups, *or*, at the top of each, a plate, (or wafer,) the arms or emblem of the sacrament, here was St. *Peter's* guild; near to this, against the wall, on a marble monument.

Orate p. a'i'a. Johanne Smalpiece, que obt. 29, *die mens. Aug.* 1502, *&c.*

Here lyeth the body of Barnard Utber, Gent. who died Dec. 4, 1657, with his arms, two bars each charged with 2 ------

In the chancel, on 2 black marble gravestones, with the arms of *Le Neve* in a lozenge, *argent* on a cross *sable* five de-lis, of the first,

In memory of Alice Le Neve, sister of Francis Le Neve, Gent. she died Apr. 7, 1685.

[3] Reg. Wylby, Norw. p. 82.

In memory of Alice, wife of Hen. Le Neve, Gent. who lyeth in the chancel of Great Wichingham church, she died Sept. 6, 1691.

In the window, the arms of *Delapole* Duke of *Suffolk*, impaling, *argent*, a chief, *gules*, over all a lion rampant, *or*.

John Atmere of *Ringland*, in 1506, wills that the heir or purchaser of his head place shall fynde a light of waxe brennyng before the high rode, as other lights are kept in the said church perpetual.[4]

In a house called *Blackborn's*-house, was the coat armour of *John Salisbury*, D.D.—*gules*, a lion rampant, between three crescents *or*, impaling *argent*, a fess between 3 mullets, *sable*, *Barret*.—He was dean of *Norwich*, Bishop of the isle of *Man*, and was the last prior of *Horsham*, and married.

King *John*, in his first year, confirmed 15*s*. rent *per ann.* out of the mills here, to the canons of West *Derham*.

Aunger, by the patience of God, abbot of *Derham*, confirmed to *Humphry*, son of *Everard*, a messuage and 4 acres of land here, which his father held of the church of *Ringland*, paying 12*d*. *per ann.* and to the vicar 2*s*. *per ann.* witnesses, *William* of *Helmingham*, *Adam de Lyons*, &c.

The temporalities of West *Derham* abbey were, in lands, a mill, and a fishery, 26*s*. 6*d*.-*Wendling* abbey temporalities, 4*s*. 6*d*.-of *Longevile* priory 4*s*.—*Norwich* priory 12*s*. *Sautre* abbey spiritualities 12*d*.

Roger de Cressi gave half a mark rent out of his mill, and *Muriel de Gloz* 4*d*. rent in land.

SPARHAM.

The principal lordship of this town was granted at the Conquest to *Godric* the King's sewer or steward, and was held by him of the King, at the grand survey, of which *Edwin*, a freeman, (as the book of *Domesday* sets forth) was lord in King *Edward's* reign, and now deprived; this *Edwin* was (as I take it) the great Earl of *Mercia*, and it is to be observed that the Conqueror's resentment was so great, that titles of honour are not bestowed, for the most part, on the greatest *English* noblemen who were living and held estates before the Conquest; *Harold* King of *England*, *Godwin* Earl of *Kent*, his father, &c. are styled freemen. In *Edwin's* time here were two carucates of land, 2 villains, 16 borderers, 2 servi, 2 carucates in demean, 4 among the tenants, with 6 acres of meadow, the moiety of a mill, paunage for 100 swine. When *Godric* entered on it there were 2 runci, 7 cows, &c. and 60 sheep, 10 skeps of bees, and a freeman had 30 acres of land with one of meadow, and half a carucate; here was also a church endowed with 40 acres and 6 acres of wood, the whole valued in King

[4] Reg. Rix. 413.

Edward's reign at 60s. at the survey, at 100s.; it was one leuca long and 10 furlongs broad, and paid 8d. *ob.* gelt.[s]

This *Godric* had a grant of many lordships on the conquest, and held these following at the survey;—In South *Greenhow* hundred, *Godeston, Oxburgh,* and *South-Acre.*—In *Fourhow* hundred, *Wramplingham* and *Tokethorp.*—In *Walesham* hundred, *Walesham* and *Opeton.*—*In Heinstede* hundred, *Stoke, Porland, Framingham, Ulverton, Holveston, Rockland, Bramerton,* South *Berlingham, Kirkeby,* and *Appleton.*—In *Lothing* hundred, *Halgeton, Ashby, Claxton, Norton, Carleton, Wasingford, Sisland,* and *Alemunton.*—In *Eynford* hundred, *Sparham* and *Bintry.*—In *Taverham* hundred, *Beseton.*—In *Humbleyard* hundred, *Melton Magna* and *Parva, Hedersct, Colney, Dunston, Swardeston, Flordon, Swainsthorp, Keswick,* and *Keningham.*—In *Clavering* hundred, *Heckingham, Hales, Southwood.*

STEWKEY-HALL.

After the death of *Godric,* this lordship came the Crown, and was granted by King *Henry* II. to Sir *William de Montchensy,* grandson of *Hubert de Monte Canisio,* who came into *England* with the Conqueror, in which family it continued till *Dionysia,* only daughter and heir of *William* Lord *Montchensy,* brought it by marriage to Sir *Hugh de Vere,* a younger son of the Earl of *Oxford,* who presented to this church in 1303; on her death, *s. p.* it descended to *Adomare de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke,* son and heir of *William de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke,* by *Joan,* his wife, sister of *William* Lord *Montchensy,* and aunt of the aforesaid *Dionysia.* On the death of the said *Aylmer,* in the 17th of *Edward* II. *Mary de St. Paul* Countess of *Pembroke,* his late wife, held it, and on her death it was assigned to *Isabel,* (first sister and coheir to *Adomare,*) the wife of *John Hastings* Lord *Abergavenny;* in this family it remained, till the decease of *John Hastings* Earl of *Pembroke, s. p.* in the 13th of *Richard* II. when *Reginald* Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn,* was found to be his cousin and heir, lineally descended from *Elizabeth,* sister of *John de Hastings,* and daughter of *John de Hastings* Lord of *Abergavenny,* by *Isabell,* sister and coheir of *Adomare de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke.*

The lords abovementioned held *in capite,* and this lordship was held of them, by the family of *De Stivekey,* or *Stewkey; Bartholomew,* son of *Hubert* de *Stivekey,* held a quarter of a fee in the 20th of *Henry* III. and in the 53d of that King, *Jeffrey Stivekey* and *Sybill,* his wife, conveyed by fine to *Walter,* son of *Walter Tyrell* of *Manington,* lands there and in *Iteringham* and *Saxthorp;* and *Walter* conveyed to *Jeffrey,* and his wife, their interest in the lordship of *Sparham.*

In the 17th of *Edward* II. the heirs of *Jeffrey de Stewkey* were found

[s] Terre Godrici Dapiferi.——Sparham tenet Edwin. lib. ho. t. r. e. m°. G. de rege. ii car. tre semp. ii vill. et xvi. bord. tc. et p°. ii s. m°. i tc. et p°. ii. car. in dnio m°. iii tc. iiii car. hom p°. et m°. ii et vi ac. pti, et dim. molin. silva. c. porc. qu. recep. ii rune. m° iii sep. vii an. et xxiii porc. tc. LX ovs. modo. LXXX m°. X vasa. apu. et i lib. ho. XXX ac. tre. i ac. pti. sep. dim. car. et eccl'ia. XL ac. et vi ac. silve. tc. et p°. val. LX sol. m°. c. sol. et ht. i lg. in longo et x qr. in lato et reddit viiid. et obolu. de gelto.

to hold the fourth part of a fee of the Earl of *Pembroke*, and in 1393, *John Stivecle*, &c. presented to this church.

The *Hastings* Earls of *Pembroke* inherited it as heirs to the *Valentia* family, as did the *Greys* Lords of *Ruthyn*, Earls of *Kent*, in the 20th of *Henry* VII. when *George Grey* Earl of *Kent* left it to *Richard* his son and heir, who sold it before his death to *Charles Somerset*, natural son of *Henry Beaufort* Duke of *Somerset*, created Lord *Herbert* of *Gower*, &c. and Earl of *Worcester*, as in *Foxley*; and Sir *George Somerset*, 3d son of *Charles* Earl of *Worcester*, was lord in the year 1539, and presented to this church, and *Charles Somerset*, Esq. his son, by his assigns, in 1569.

Robert Giggs of *Sparham*, Gent. had an interest in this lordship, under the Earls of *Kent*; by his will dated *April* 2, 1534, he desires to be buried in the church of *Sparham*; by *Alice* his wife, he had a daughter and heir, *Anne*, who married first, *John Blakeney*, Gent. by whom she had a son, *John Blakeney*, and afterwards married *Thomas Clere*, who was then her husband.[6] *Robert Giggs* was lord of *Barkyn's* in *Filby*, &c. patron of that church, lord also of a manor in *Cromer*, and of the manor of *Waterhouse*, late *Thomas Blakeney's*, Esq. in *Thompson*; it was proved *May* 1, 1535, *Thomas Clere* being his executor.

This *Robert* was a relation of Sir *Thomas Gegges* of *Rollesby*, living in 1433, whose daughter, *Eleanor*, married *Roger Atte Townsend*, Esq. of *Rainham*.

John Blakeney, Gent. had a moiety of this manor in the 4th of *Edward* VI.

This family was descended from *William de Blakeney*, one of the bailifs of the city of *Norwich* in the 26th of *Edward* III. before that city had a mayor. It appears from the register of *Sparham*, that *Charles*, son of *Charles Blakeney*, Gent. and *Dionysia*, his wife, was baptized *March* 13, 1585, and *William* their son, *December* 24, 1598.—*John Blakeney*, Gent. and *Elizabeth Green*, married *May* 28, 1574.—*Lancelot Blakeney* of *Sparham* married at *Stanhow*, *March* 3, 1583, *Grisell*, daughter of ----- *Cantrell* of *Stanhow*, and was buried there *December* 8, 1632. *Thomas*, son of *Lancelot* and *Grisell*, was baptised *December* 6, 1584, at *Stanhow*, and *Henry* their son baptized at *Sparham*, *September* 19, 1586.

In a house, west of the church, where the *Blakeneys* lived, are to be seen in a window these arms; quarterly, in the first, *sable*, a chevron *ermin*, between three leopards faces, *or*, *Blakeney*; in the 2d *sable*, a frett *ermin*, and a chief checque, *argent* and of the first, *Giggs*; barry of six, *gules* and *sable*, 3, 2, and 1 tops, *argent*, *Topps*, in the 3d; and in the 4th quarter, *or*, a chevron *azure*, between three lions couchant *gules* -----

In another shield, *Blakeney*, with his quarterings as before, impaling *Breton* of *Wichingham*, with his quarterings,—1st, quarterly per fess indented, *gules* and *argent*, a mullet in the 1st quarter *sable*, *Breton*.—2d, *argent*, a chevron between three seals feet erased, *sable*, *Yarmouth*?—3d, *gules*, two lionels passant, *ermin*, crowned, *or*, *Felton*; —in the 4th, *ermin*, on a chief *gules*, five lozenges of the first, *Ger-*

[6] Lib. Haydon, Reg. Norw.

[7] The family of Yarmouth, or de Jernemutha, held the 4th part of a fee here of the Earl of Pembroke.

bridge;—in the 5th, *sable* a fess between two chevronels, *or*; the 6th as the first, *Breton*:—another shield, *Blakeney*, impaling *azure* 5 escallops *or*, *Methwold*.

From the *Somersets*, the chief lords, as above observed, it was conveyed to Sir *William Cordel*, Knt. of *Long Melford* in *Suffolk*, and from that family by the marriage of *Joan*, their sister and heir, to *Richard Allington*, Esq. so to the Earl of *Rivers*, to *Winwood*, *Pitfield*, and *Edward Lombe*, Esq. as in *Foxley*, and by *Mary*, sister and heir of *John Lombe*, clerk, came by marriage to *John Hase*, Esq. who presented in 1747, and remains in that family.

SPARHAM-HALL.

Was (I take it) a part of *Godric*'s lordship, and held by a family of the said name. *William*, son of *Alexander de Sparham*, lived in the reign of *Richard* I. Sir *William de Sparham*, son of *William de Sparham*, had license from *Walter* Bishop of *Norwich*, in 1246, to have a chantry in his chapel, in his court at *Ouby*, and held part of a fee here.[2]

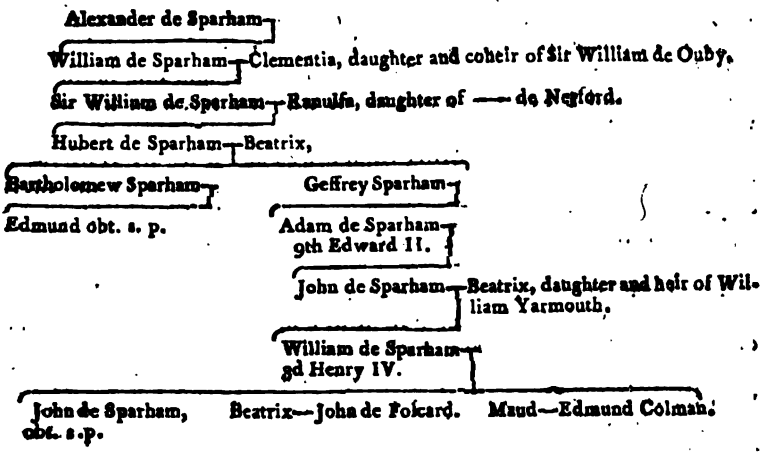
Hubert de Sparham, and *Beatrix*, were living in the 35th of *Henry* III. as appears by a fine, and then manumitted *Humphrey de Baldreswell*, their villain; the heirs of *Bartholomew de Sparham* held the fourth part of a fee, and *Adam de Sparham* a fourth part of *Adomare de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke*, in the 17th of *Edward* II. on the death of that Earl, as by the eschaet rolls; and *William de Sparham* held a fourth part of the Lord *Grey* of *Ruthyn*, in the 3d of *Henry* IV.

This *William* had a son, *John*, who dying *s. p.* his 2 sisters were his coheirs; *Beatrix* married to *John de Folcard*, and *Maud* to *Edmund Colman*; this *John Folcard* was an alderman of *Norwich*, in the 28th of *Henry* VI. and purchased lands in *Wichingham* St. *Mary*; so *John* his son was living at *Sparham*, and lord in the 7th of *Edward* IV. and by *Joan* his wife, (who after his death married *Thomas Papworth*,) was father of *William Folcard*, who by *Joan* his wife, (his widow in the 24th of *Henry* VIII.) left *Thomas* his son and heir, who dying *s. p.* his estate came to his two sisters and coheirs; *Alice*, the wife of *John Coke* of *Ryston*, and *Joan*, the wife of *Thomas Boley*. *John Coke* was lord in right of his wife, and left *Robert Coke*, Esq. of *Sparham*, his son and heir, whose immediate descendant, the Right Honourable *Thomas* Earl of *Leicester*, died lord, as in *Holkham*.

Cordel bore, *gules*, a chevron between three griffins heads, erased, *argent*, *Somerset*, quarterly, *France* and *England*, in a bordure, *ermin*. *Folcard*, *sable*, a chevron, between three covered cups, *argent*.

[2] Reg. Holm. Abb. fol. 43, 76, 143, &c.

SPARHAM'S PEDIGREE.



MAUTEBY'S HALL.

There was also a lordship in this town, held by *Robert Grenon*, of which *Ulric*, a freeman, in King *Edward's* reign was lord, and ejected at the conquest; 3 carucates of land belonged to it, 5 villains, and 5 borderers with 2 servi; there were 2 carucates in demean, and 2 carucates with 5 acres of meadow among the tenants, the moiety of a mill, &c. 6 sheep and 25 goats, with 3 socmen, who held 30 acres and half of land; a carucate belonged also to it when *Grenon* rented it, and *Osbert* held it under *Grenon*; in *Ulric's* time it was valued at 60*s.* at the survey at 4*l.*[a]

Grenon had also on the conquest, the manors of *Norton* and *Rington* in *Clavering* hundred, of *Baconsthorp* in *South Erpingham* hundred, of *Loddon* in *Lothingland* hundred, and of *Thorp* in *North Erpingham* hundred.

This lordship came also into the King's hands, soon after the survey, and was granted to the *Montchensys*, and so came to the Earls of *Pembroke*. *Avelina de Mauteby* was returned to be lady of it in the 9th of *Edward* II. and *Robert de Mauteby* was found to hold one fee here, of the Earl of *Pembroke*, in the 35th of *Edward* III. *Peter Mauteby*, Esq. by his will, dated *October* 4, 1488, requires to be buried in the church of *Sparham*, St. *Mary*; and in the 20th of *Henry* VI. Sir *Simon Felbrig*, &c. trustees of *Robert Mauteby*, Esq. settle this lordship on *John Paston*, Esq. who had married *Margaret*, daughter and heir of *John Mauteby*, Esq. (son and heir of the said *Robert*) for life, remainder on *Margaret*. *Margaret Paston*, widow of *John Paston*, Esq. by her will, proved *December* 18, 1484, gives to each poor

[a] Terra Robti. Grenonis—Sparham tenet Osbt. q. ten. Ulric. i lib. ho. T. R. E. p. man. iii car. t're. sep. v. vill. et vbor. tc. ii s. mo' null. sep. ii car. in d'nio. et ii car. ho'um. et vi ac. p'ti. et dim. mol. sil. e per. qu' rec. ix por mo. vi ov. et xxv cap. et iii soc. xxx ac. t're. sep. dim. car. tc. et p. val. lx sol. et mo. iiii lib.

household in this town, late her tenants, 6*s*. Sir *William Paston* was lord in the reign of King *James* I. and held then (as said) of the Lord *Morley*, and valued at 15*l*. 4*s*. *per ann*.

About the year 1600, the rent of this lordship in the whole amounted to 107*l*. 2*s*. 1*d*. *ob*. *q*.

Hacon's lordship came also to the Crown, and was united to the other manors: it consisted of 30 acres of land, and one borderer, half a carucate and 2 acres of meadow, of which a freeman was deprived, valued at 4*s*.[a]

In the 3d of *Edward* I. this village was fined 5*s*. by *William Riffard*, then high sheriff, for not doing suit and service to the sheriff's turn.

The tenths were 7*l*. 5*s*. deducted 45*s*.

The CHURCH is a regular pile, consisting of a nave, north and south isle, covered with lead, a square tower at the west end of the nave, embattled, with 5 bells, and a chancel that is tiled

It is dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*, was formerly a rectory, valued with its vicarage at 25 marks; the priory of *Norwich* had also a portion of tithe valued at 4 marks *per ann*. it consisted of two part of the tithes of the demeans of *Walter de Sparham*; and in 1308 was farmed by the rector at 40*s*. *per ann*. *Peter*-pence 6*d*. present valor 9*l*. 17*s*. 11*d*.

In the 7th of *Edward* I. *William Fitz-Warin* impleaded *Bartholomew de Sparham* for the right of patronage, and it was then allowed him.

RECTORS.

1308, *Thomas de Kensington*, presented by Sir *Hugh de Veer*.
Symon de Gaynsburgh occurs rector in 1341.
1346, *Nicholas Janing*, by *William de Clynton*, Earl of *Huntingdon*.
1351, *John Foucher*, by *ditto*.
1355, *Robert de Burwood*, by the Lady *Julian Hastings* Countess of *Huntingdon*.
1375, *James de Whitwell*, by the King, on the minority of *John Hastings* Earl of *Pembroke*.
1387, *Thomas de Wortham* *Ditto*.
1393, *John*, son of *Robert de Thornham*, by *John Styvecle*, &c.
1417, *William Ince*, by *Reginald de Grey* Lord *Hastings*, *Weysford* and *Ruthin*.
1424, *John Burdeux*, by *ditto*.
Thomas Peye.
1454, *Thomas Scroope*, Bishop of *Dromore*, by *Edm*. *Grey* Lord *Hastings*; he occurs suffragan to the Bishop of *Norwich* in 1463.
William Mustarder occurs rector 7th of *Edward* IV.
1493, Mr. *John Wardall*, S.T.B. by *George Grey* Earl of *Kent*.
1505, *Richard Dykke*, by *Richard Grey* Earl of *Kent*.
1539, *Maur*. *Johns* or *Jones*, by Sir *George Somerset*, Knt.
1541, *William Smith*, by *ditto*.
1554, *Christopher Dixon*, by his assignees, &c.
1569, *William Cockman*; by the assignees of *Charles Somerset*, Esq.

[a] Terra Hagonis—In Sparham i lib. burt suus antecessor com'd tanta' sep. ho. xxx ac. t're. et i bor. sup. quem ha- dim. car. et ii ac. p'ti. et val. iiii sol.

1572, *Richard Bourne*, by the assigns of Sir *William Cordell*, Knt. and *Jane*, relict of *Richard Allington*, Esq.
1608, *Zorobabel Bourne*, by Sir *Edward Coke*, and Sir *Philip Stanhope*, Knights.
1662, *Thomas Cupper*, by *Richard Winwood* of *Quainton* in *Bucks*, Esq.
1676, *Thomas Brome*, by *ditto*.
1688, *John Taylor*, by *Alexander Pitfield*, Esq.
1708, *William King*, by the executors of *Edward Lombe*, Esq.
1711, *Robert Whitefoot*, by the Queen.
1712, *James Hunt*, by *Edward Lombe*, Esq.
1743, *John Lombe*, by *John Hase*.
1747, *Jos. Hogan*, *ditto*, died rector 1763.
1763, Mr. *Athill*, by Mrs. *Hase*.

Joan Bust, widow, gave by her will, in 1481, all her lands and tenements to the building of a new isle in the south side of the church of *Sparham*.

Peter Mychell, parish priest, buried at the steeple door, before the image of our Lady, in 1526.

To the rectory belong convenient houses, with 66 acres of glebe land, whereof 10 are wood ground, also a little manor.

In the chancel a gravestone,

In memory of Elizabeth, daughter of Richard Neve of North Tudenham, wife of Thomas Cupper, rector of this parish, who died Feb. 20, 1662.——*Hic jacet Wills. Musterdar, quonda' rectr. ecclie.*

On a stone with a brass plate, at the east end of the nave,

Orate p. a'i'a. Clementis Wulugby de Sp'ham qui obt. tricesimo die mens. Nov. ao. Dni. M. CCCC. *nonagessimo.* VII. *cuj. &c.*

A priest in his vestments,

Hic jacet Richardus Dykke, quond. rector huj. ecclie.

Orate p. a'i'a. Willi. Folcard generosi, cu. &c.

Orate p. a'i'a. Joan Par quond. uxor Johs. Par, armigeri, et Matildefilie eoru. nup. uxor. Clement. Wulugby, que obt. XVII *die Maij. A.D.* M. CCCCLXXXXIII. *quor. &c.*

At the east end of the south isle.

Pray for the sowle of Elianor Cresnal, late the wife of Thomas Cresnal, 1544.

The windows of the south isle have been finely illuminated with the effigies of saints, &c. There remain the shattered arms of Lord *Grey*, quartering *Hastings*, *Valence*, &c. and impaling *Percy*, quartering *Lucy*.

The emblem of the crucifixion, *azure*, 2 hands, and 2 feet, in saltire, and an heart between, proper and wounded. *Coke* impaling *Folcard*, *sable* a chevron, *argent*, between three cups covered, *or*;—*argent*, six cross crosslets fitché, *sable*, on a chief, *azure*, two mullets pierced of the first, Lord *Clinton*; *azure*, six lioncels rampant, *argent Leybourn*.

Thomas de Blumvyle Bishop of *Norwich*, confirmed the grant of

John de Grey Bishop of *Norwich*, of the tithe of 2 parts of the demeans of *Ralph de Sparham*, of the gift of the said *Ralph*, to the priory of *Norwich*.[2]

William de Sparham gave lands to the priory of *Walsingham*, in *Ernald's Croft*.[3] Their temporalities valued at 16*d. per ann.* King *Henry* VIII. on *May* 2, in his 36th year, granted to *Nicholas Bacon*, and *Thomas Skipwith*, messuages and lands late *Walsingham* priory's; *John Atkinson*, and *Maud* his wife, held them *ao.* 8 of *Elizabeth*; and *William Curson*, Esq. held messuages and lands lately belonging to *Beck* Hospital, in the said reign.

Temporalities of St. *Faith's* 5*s.* 5*d.* of *Bromholm* priory 57*s.* 11*d. ob.*

In the church, by the old rood loft, on a gravestone,

"*Of your charitys pray for the sowles of Robert Gyggs, and Alys his wife, the which Robert deceased the 4th day of April, in the year of our Lord God,* 1534; *and the said Alys deceased the* 1st *of July, in* 1535; with their portraitures in brass, and these arms; quarterly, in the first and fourth *sable*, fretty, *ermine*, a chief checque, *argent*, and of the first, *Gyggs*; in the 2d quarter, barry nebuly, *argent* and *vert*, on a fess three, and in chief, *sable*, three tops *or*, *Topps*;[4]—in the 3d, *or*, a chevron, *azure*, between 3 lions couchant, guardant *gules*.

SWANINGTON.

WALTER GIFFARD had a grant of a lordship in this town, of which 7 freemen at the conquest were deprived, who held one carucate and an half, with 16 acres of land, 3 acres of meadow, and a borderer, with 5 carucates, 12 socmen with 2 carucates, and 3 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 40*s.* but the soc belonged to the King's manor of *Folsham*, in the reign of King *Edward*; at the survey it was in *Walter Giffard*; this was half a leuca long, and the same in breadth, and paid 7*d.* to the King's gelt.[5]

This *Walter* was made Earl of *Buckingham* by King *William* I.; he was son of *Osbern de Bolebeck*, and *Aveline* his wife, and related to the Conqueror; he attended him in his expedition into *England*, and was rewarded by him with the following lordships in *Norfolk* in this hundred, with *Binnetre, Giggesete, Norton, Dalling, Wichingham, Swanington, Helmingham* and *Remingaland*;—in *Taverham* hundred, *Attlebrig, Felthorp*;—in South *Erpingham, Straton, Cuineham, Ripetuna, Ermingland*;—in South *Greenhow* hundred, *Fuldon*;—in

[2] Regist. i. eccle. Norw. fol. 37.
[3] Reg. Walsing. p. 3.
[4] Toppe bore rather barry of six,—six tops, q.
[5] Terre Walti. Giffardi——In Sueningatuna vii libi bo'es. i car. t're. et dim. et xvi ac. t're. et iii. ac. p'ti. et i bor. tc. et p. v car. mo. et xii soc. xl ac t're. sep. ii car. et iii ac. p'ti. silva vi por. sep. val. xl sol. soca in Folsa. Regis, T.R.E. mo. tenet W. ht. dim. leug. in longo & in lato. et reddit viid. de gelto. Regis.

Grimshow hundred, *Linford*, *Ickburgh*;—in *Holt* hundred, *Laringset*, *Bayfield*, *Glamford*, *Snitterley*, *Bodenham* and *Hunworth*;—in North *Greenhow* hundred, *Warham*;—in North *Erpingham* hundred, *Berningham*;—in *Heinsted* hundred, *Scotesham*, *Saxlingham* and *Stoke*.

He had also a grant of 2 lordships in *Berkshire*, one in *Wiltshire*, one in *Somersetshire*; one in *Huntingdonshire*, 5 in *Cambridgeshire*, 3 in *Oxfordshire*, nine in *Bedfordshire*, three in *Suffolk*, forty-eight in *Buckinghamshire*: at the time of the survey he was sent with *Remigius* Bishop of *Lincoln*, &c. into *Worcestershire*, and some other counties of *England*, to make that survey.

By *Agnes* his wife, daughter of *Gerard Flatell*, sister to *William* Bishop of *Eureux* in *Normandy*, he had *Walter* his son: on his death, *July* 15, in 1102, in *England*, he was carried into *France*, and buried at the abbey church of *Longaville* in *Normandy*, which he had founded in the chapel of the cloister.[6]

Walter, his son and heir, Earl of *Bucks*, in the 12th of *Henry* II. on an aid for the marriage of that King's daughter, certified that he held 94 knights fees and an half, *de veteri feoffamento*, and one and an half *de novo*: with *Ermetrude* his wife, he founded the abbey of *Nutley* in *Bucks*, and dying *s. p.* came to his heirs. In *Richard* the First's time, *Richard de Clere* Earl of *Hertford*, descended from *Rohais*, (sister of this *Walter*,) wife of *Richard Fitz-Gilbert*, ancestor to the Earls of *Clare*, was lord.

In the 10th of *Richard* I. a fine was levied between *William Battail*, petent, *William Huntingfeld*, and *Isabel* his wife, and *William Briton*, tenents, of lands here and in *Alderford*, released to *Battail* and his heirs, with the churches of *Swanington*, &c. to be held of *William Huntingfeld* and *Isabel*, and the heirs of *Isabel*, by the 6th part of a fee, as in *Alderford*. *Ralph de Bataile* of *Swanington*, was living in the 5th of *Edward* I.

Alan Hovel, or *Holywell*, had free warren here and in *Alderford*, in the second of *Edward* II. and in the 8th of that King, held there half a fee of the honour of *Clare*.

Sir *John de Norwich* grants to *Robert Mayn* of *Stoke Holy Cross*, and his heirs, full seizin of all his lands, tenements, &c. in this town, *Alderford*, *Attlebrigg*, &c. which Sir *Walter* his father purchased *ao.* 9th of *Edward* II. of *Roger de Mortimer*, of *Chirk*, dated on *Monday* after the feast of St. *Martin*, *ao.* 22d of *Edward* III.

Roger Geney of *Swanington* gives to *Walter de Middleton* of *Wichingham*, and *William* his son, lands and rents in *Swanington*, by deed, *sans* date.

Sir *Thomas Gyney* had an interest here: by his will, dated *May* 1, *ao.* 5 *Henry* V. proved in 1420, bequeaths money to the repair of this church.

John Richers of this town, by his will, dated *March* 4, 1500, gives to *Henry* his son, the manor of *Hovels* in *Swanington*, and the manor of *Dawkyns* in *Heveringland*, proved at *Lambeth*, *February* 12, 1501.

Henry Richers married *Cecily*, daughter and coheir of *Robert Tilles* of *Sallows*, Gent. and was living in 1511, and bore *argent*, three

[6] Neustria Pia, p. 667. Agnes is called the sister of Anselm de Ribothmonte. —Dugd. Baron. v. i. p. 59.

annulets, *azure*. *Henry* was living in the 20th of *Henry* VIII. and sold to *Robert Richers* of *Swanington*, his brother, the manor of *Turtevile's* in *Wichingham*, *ao.* 6th of *Edward* VI.

In the 17th of Queen *Elizabeth*, *Thomas Gawdy*, serjeant at law, conveyed the manor of *Heverland*, to *Henry Richers* of *Swanington*, and *Edmund* his son, who conveyed it, in the 31st of that Queen, to *Thomas Herne*, Esq. *Henry Richers* of *Swanington*, Esq. married *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Miles Corbet*, and was living in the reign of *James* I.

Charles Bladwell, Gent. conveyed it to his brother, Mr. *John Bladwell*, an upholsterer, in *Bow*-street, *Convent-garden*, the present lord.

Alan Earl of *Richmond* had a grant of a lordship, of which *Turbern*, a freeman, was deprived, of half a carucate of land, with 8 socmen, a carucate in demean, 2 among the tenants, with 4 acres of meadow belonging to it, valued at 20*s*. *per ann*. and *Anchetill* held it under Earl *Alan*.[7]

Anchetil was probably ancestor of the family *De Furneaux*: Sir *Jeffrey de Furneaux* was lord in 1180, and of *Middle-Herling*, father of Sir *Robert*, *Jeffrey*, and *Ralph*: Sir *Robert* was living in 1219, and lord of *Bergham* in *Cambridgeshire*; *Jeffrey* his brother was enfeoffed of this lordship by his father; Sir *Robert* married *Alice*, (by whom he had Sir *Michael de Furneaux*,) and was living about 1250, with *Alice* his wife: Sir *Simon* was living 1281, and had a grant of free-warren then in this manor, and married *Alice*, sister and coheir of *Miles*, son of *Philip de Hastings*, and left an only daughter, married to *John de Lee*.

Sir *Robert de Furneaux* presented to *Middle-Herling* church in 1308, and Sir *John de Furneaux* in 1324, and 1358.

Sir *John Furneaux* and *Isabel* his first wife, were living in 1320, and in 1348, *Elizabeth* occurs his 2d wife; his 3d wife was *Amy*, who survived him and married *Robert Denney* in 1384; by his first wife he left a son and a daughter.

His son and heir, *John*, succeeded; his wardship was granted by *John* Duke of *Lancaster*, with the marriage of *Elizabeth* his sister, to Sir *Hugh de Cliderow*, but Sir *Hugh*, in 1361, granted them to *John de Herling*; and *John de Furneaux* died in that year. *Elizabeth*, his sister and heir, married *Thomas Crabbe*, whose widow she was in 1401, *John Crabbe*, her eldest son, dying, had an only sister, *Eleanore*, married to *William Bardwell*, Esq. of *West Herling*, but whether they had any interest herein does not appear.—The family of *De Furneaux* bore *sable*, a pale lozengy, *argent*.

William de Lions and his tenants held here and in *Attlebrigg*, half a fee in the reign of *Henry* III. of the *Furneaux's*, and they of the honour of *Richmond*, and in the 20th of *Edward* III. *Nicholas Maloysel* held it, late *Lion's*: *Peter Maloysel* passed by fine lands here and in *Attlebrigg*, belonging to his manor, to *William le Saucer* in the 46th of that King.

In the 13th of *Richard* II. *John de Malton* and *Alice* his wife, of this town, released to *John de Brisingham* their right in the lands which they bought of *Robert Maloysel*.

[7] Terre Alani Comitis ——In Swenningatuna, tenet. Anchitel, qua. ten. Turbern. lib. ho. T. R. E. dim. car. tre. tc. viii soc. p'. et m°. v sep. i car. in dnio. tc. ii car. hom. et m°. i et iiii. ac. pti. silva. v porc. et val. xx sol.

Thomas Lord *Scales* died seized of it in the 35th of *Henry* VI.

The CHURCH is a rectory, the ancient valor was 14 marks *Peterpence* 7*d.*; the present valor is 6*l.* 11*s.* 5*d. ob.*—Dedicated to St. *Margaret*, and discharged of tenths, &c.

In the 36th of *Edward* III. it was appropriated by the King's patent, to *Trinity-Hall, Cambridge*.

RECTORS.

William de Whitwell occurs rector about 1260, and *Steph. Bataile*, about 1280.

1304, *Robert Est*, instituted rector, presented by *John de Brandeston*, and occurs 17th of *Edward* II.

1338, *Symon Reppes*, by *Robert Quitofs*, rector of a mediety of *Reifham*.

1361, *Steph. Morle*, by *Simon de Babyngle, Ralph Urri, Robert Walton*, &c.

Steph. Houghton, rector.

1373, *Thomas de Berford*, by the master, &c. of *Trinity-hall*.

1428, *Robert Eggefeld. Ditto.*

Robert Norwich rector.

1446, *John Wellys. Ditto.*

1449, *Simon Thornham*, LL.B.

1453, *Thomas Lightfoot.*

1470, *Henry Falke*, decret. dr.

1490, *John Halowich.*

1512, *Thomas Barker.*

1519, *William Aleyn*, decret. bac.

Peter Hobard, A. M.

1560, *Lancelet Robinson.*

1591, *John Turner*, LL.B.

1609, *John Gibson*, LL.B.

1616, *Miles Knolles*, LL.B.

1628, *William Hotckis*, LL.B.

1630, *Edmund Dunton*, LL.B.

1662, *John Hildegard.*

1667, *John Gibson*, A.M.

1702, *Owen Hughes.*

1716, *William Allen*, LL.D. by the master, &c. of *Trinity-hall*.

1733, *Franc. James*, LL.D. *Ditto.*

1739, *William Thickness. Ditto.*

1751, *John Banson. Ditto.*

1759, *George Carr. Ditto.*

Here were the gilds of St. *Mary* and St. *Margaret*, and the chapel of St. *John* Baptist, in the church, mentioned in 1383.

In 1450, the feast of the dedication of this church was translated from *March* 11, to the feast of St. *Catharine*.

STINTON,

WAS a village or township in the time of the Conqueror, though now it is a principal lordship and farm in *Salle*: at the survey we have this account of it; that *Ralph* held it, *Wither*, a freeman, being deprived of it, who had it in King *Edward's* time, with 3 carucates of land 9 villains, 59 borderers and 3 servi, there were 3 carucates in demean, 8 among the tenants, and 4 acres of meadow, pannage for 100 swine, one mill, 2 beasts for carriage and 20 cows, &c. 120 sheep, 27 goats and 3 bee skeps; a church endowed with 14 acres, 14 socmen, with 80 acres and 4 carucates, &c. *Ralph* had 2 of these socmen when he forfeited, and they held 12 acres valued at 20*d.* the whole was then valued at 5*l.* at the survey at 7*l.* it was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 11*d.* gelt to the King.[8] *Ralph* here mentioned was Earl of *Norfolk* and lord of this town, which he possessed till he lost it for his rebellion, and was granted then to the Earl *Warren*, lord, as we find, at the survey.

A moiety of this town constituted what was afterwards called *Heydon*, (which town is not mentioned in *Domesday Book,*) and the other moiety, what is called now *Stinton-hall.*

The ancient family of *Le Rus* or *Rufus*, was enfeoft of this soon after the reign of the Conqueror: King *Stephen*, when Earl of *Morton*, granted to *Ernald Rufus*, son of *Roger*, the whole manor of *Stradbroke* in *Suffolk*, part of the honour of *Eye*, with the soke and advowson of the church, &c. and King *John* confirmed the said grant to *Ernald Rufus* (to hold as his grandfather held it) on *May* 17, in his first year.

King *Henry* III.[9] in his 11th year granted to *Hugh Rufus*, son and heir of *Ernald*, a weekly mercate here, on *Friday*, with one at *Wodebridge*, on *Wednesday*, and the said *Ernald*, son of *Ernard* the second, in the 3d of King *John*, gave by deed for his soul's health and that of his wife *Isabel*, and his ancestors, and all the faithful deceased, in pure alms, to God, St. *Mary*, and the church of *Wodebryge*, and the canons thereof, all the tithe of *Northaghe* and *Hunteswyk*, in the village of *Stadbrook*, saving a pension of 4*s. per ann.* to be paid to the prior and convent of *Eye*; dated at *Wytingham*, in 1201; and this *Ernald* is called in the register of the priory of *Eye*,[1] patron of *Wodebrigge.*

[8] Tre. Willi de Warenna—Stinetuna, Radulfus tenet quam tenuit Wither, i lib. ho. T. R. E. iii car. tre. sep. ix. vill. xxxviiii. bor. et iii s. sep. iii car. in dnio. et viii car. hou. et iiii ac. pti. silv. c. por. et i mol. sep. ii r. et xx an. et xl por. cxx ov. et xxvii cap. et iii vasa. apu. i ecclesia, xiiii ac. et xiiii soc. [illegible] ac. sep. iii car. silv. x por. et i ac. pti. et i bor. duos ex h. soc. tenebat. R. qu'da. forisfecit, habebant duodecem, ac. et val. xxd. int. totu. tc. val. c sol m°. vii lib. et ht. i leug. in long. et dim. in lato. et redd. xid. in geltu. regis.

[9] Claus. Hen. III.

[1] Reg. Eye, fol. 51.

Hugh Rufus, his son, in the 10th of *Henry* III. was one of the collectors of the fifteenth in *Norfolk*, and in the following year had the grant of a mercate in the manor of *Stradbroke* and in *Wodebridge*, as above observed. In the 31st of that King, *Maud*, widow of *Roger de Clere*, demanded of *John Le Rus*, the 3d part of certain lands in *Stinton*, *Salle*, and *Heydon*; and in the 37th of that King, *William Le Rus* was found to die seized of the advowsons of *Sall* and *Heydon*, with the lordships of *Stradbroke* and *Hasketon* in *Suffolk*, and *Alice*, was his daughter and heir, aged 6 years.

This *Alice* married *Richard de Breose* or *Brews*, (second son of Sir *William*, and *Maud* his wife,) and was a retainer of the Earl-Marshal, custos of the peace of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, in the 50th of *Henry* III. lord of *Stinton-hall*, and many other manors in right of his wife; and in the 52d year, *Richard* and *Alice* grant to the prior of *Wodebrigge* 10 marks rent *per ann.* to find a canon to celebrate for ever in the priory church for their souls, and in the 55th they conveyed by fine to the Bishop of *Ely* and his successours the patronage of the church of *Whitinton*.

In the 56th of the said King, *William de Breous* granted by fine to *Richard* and *Alice*, the manor of *Akenham* and advowson, with those of *Cleydon* and *Hemengeston*, they granting to *William* and *Mary* his wife the manor of *Bromley* in *Surry*, &c.

In the 5th of *Edward* I. Sir *Richard de Breuse* and *Alice* his wife gave lands in *Thurleston*, in *Suffolk*, to the canons of St. *Peter* and St. *Paul* of *Ipswich*, and in the 15th he claimed view of frankpledge, assise of bread and beer in *Salle*; and died as appears from the eschaet rolls, in 25th of the said King; *Alice* his wife survived him, and died in the 29th, and *Gyles* was her son and heir, aged 28: this manor was then valued at 18*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.* and was held of *William de Say*, by the service of one fee. This *Gyles* was lord of *Akenham*, *Whitinton*, *Clopton*, and *Hasketon*, held of *Edmund*, the King's brother, of the honour of *Lancaster:* he married *Catherine*, daughter of Sir *Laurence de Hunting feld* of *Suffolk*, by whom he had no issue: his 2d wife was *Joan*, daughter of - - - - - - - - -, by whom he had 3 sons.

Sir *Gyles* died in 1310; *Joan* was then living, and *Richard* their eldest son was aged 9 years, and it was found that the view of frankpledge was held of *William Marshall*, lord of the hundred, by the payment of 18*d.* and that the mercate in *Heydon* was held of the manor of *Causton*. Sir *Gyles* is said to bear these arms, *argent*, a lion rampant, *gules*, crowned *or*, and crusily of crosses pattee, fitchée of the second, but in the roll of knights in King *Edward* the First's reign, Sir *Richard* bore *ermine*, a lion rampant, *gules*.

Sir *Richard Brews*, eldest son of Sir *Gyles*, married *Eleanor*, daughter of Sir *John Shelton*, by whom he had 2 daughters; *Mary*, who married Sir *John Weyland*, and *Catherine*, married Sir *John Howard*: Sir *Richard* died in 1323, and was buried in the priory of *Woodbridge*, and succeeded by *Robert* his second brother, who being under age, his custody was granted by the King to *Robert Fitz-Pain*; he assigned it to *Edmund Bacon*, then in the king's service in *Gascoin*; this *Robert* dying *sans issue*, in 1325, *John de Brews*, his brother and heir, inherited this lordship, &c.

Sir *John de Brews* was lord in the 20th of *Edward* III.; he married *Agnes*, daughter of Sir *Robert Ufford*, and sister of *Robert Ufford* E*r*

of *Suffolk*, by whom the genealogists say he had Sir *John de Breuse*, his son and heir; but it appears that a fine was levied in 1355, *A°.* 29 *Edward* III. between Sir *William de Thorp* and Sir *John de Brews* and *Eva* his wife, of the manor of *Lutheburgh* in *Lincolnshire*, conveyed to *William*; and in 1370, mention is made in the will of *William de Luthborow*, rector of *Salle*, of Sir *John de Brews* and *Eva* his wife, and Sir *John de Brews*, junior, and *Gyles* his brother; he was lord of *Topcroft*, and resided there.

Sir *John de Brews*, his son, in the 4th of *Richard* II. was one of the gentlemen seized by the *Norfolk* rebels and sent by them with Sir *William Morley* and three of their own party to the King, to obtain a charter of manumission and pardon, with a great sum of money, the better to obtain it, which had been received of the citizens of *Norwich*, to preserve their city from fire, and plunder; but were released by *Henry Spencer* Bishop of *Norwich*, who routed them, and cut off the heads of three of the rebels. He was lord of this manor, and of *Heydon*, *Witlingham*, *Witnesham*, and *Hasketon*, patron of *Woodbridge* priory, &c. and married *Joan*, daughter of Sir *John Shardelow*, and was father of Sir *Robert Brewse*, who was lord in 1406, who by *Ela* his wife, daughter of Sir *Miles Stapleton*, of *Ingham*, had Sir *Thomas*, his son and heir: he died in 1424, and *Ela* his wife, in 1456, and were buried in *Woodbridge* priory; some make *Elizabeth*, daughter of the Lord *Willoughby* of *Eresby*, to be his wife.

Ela, relict of Sir *Robert*, by her will dated at *Wodebrig* in *Suffolk*, *October* 16, 1456, requires to be buried in the chancel of the conventual church there, near to her husband;[2] bequeaths to *Thomas* her son, her husband's signet; to *Elizabeth* his wife a gold ring, to *William*, son of *Thomas*, a broche[3] of gold, and was a benefactor to *Ingham* priory and the chapel of St. *Gyles* of *Walsingham*: to the wife of *William*, a girdle of gold, to *William Yelverton*, the King's justice, a silver chalice cup with a cover, and to *Ela* his wife, an agnus Dei of gold, with relicks, and a fillet of gold. Sir *Robert*, her husband, is called of *Freesing feld*, and died there, as I find, intestate, and administration was granted to *Ela*, *September* 30, 1424.

Sir *Thomas Brews* succeeded his father, Sir *Robert*, and in the 11th of *Henry* VI. was found heir to Sir *John Shardelow*, being son of Sir *Robert*, who was son of Sir *John Brews* and *Joan* his wife, sister of Sir *John Shardelow*, Knt. father of *Robert Shardelow*, father of Sir *John Shardelow*, who died without issue, seized of the manors of *Barton*, by *Mildenhale*, with the mills of *Cavenham*, *Cowling*, *Stradsell* and *Downham*, in *Suffolk*, with the advowsons of *Flempton* and *Sanston*. By *Mary*, his first wife, daughter of Sir *John Calthorp*, he had *William Brews*, his son and heir, who dying in 1489, *October* 28, was buried at *Fresingfeld*, in *Suffolk*, and left by *Isabel* his wife, daughter of Sir *John Hopton* (relict of Sir *John Jermy*) 2 daughters and coheirs; *Thomasyne*, who married Sir *Thomas Hansard*, Knt. and *Ann* the wife of Sir *Roger Townsend* of *Rainham*. Sir *Thomas Brews*, by his 2d wife *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Gyles*, and sister and heir of Sir *Gilbert Debenham*, left also a son *Robert*, and died in 1482, and was buried in the priory aforesaid.[4] On a division of the inheritance of Sir

[2] Reg. Hurning. Norw. pt. 1. fol. 17.
[3] Unum brochum aureum.
[4] Elizab. his widow, on July 24, A°. 22 Ed. IV. conveyed in trust her right in all her lands, tenements, rents and services, called Deys in Mendham, Wodrysdale, Weybred and Tressingfeld in Suffolk.

William Brews, between his two daughters and coheirs, *Robert Brewes*, Esq. having no interest herein. *Stinton-hall* came to *Ann* aforesaid,[5] who on the 25th of *July*, in the 5th of *Edward* VI. then a widow, died possessed of it, and *John Townsend*, Esq. of *Brampton* in *Suffolk*, was her son, and by *Eleanor* his wife, daughter of *John Heydon*, had *Richard*, his son and heir, who by *Catherine*, daughter and heir of Sir *Humphrey Brown*, had *Roger* his son, who being aged 6 years, was found heir to his great grandmother *Ann* aforesaid. In this family it continued till Sir *Horace Townsend* conveyed it, in or about 1648, to *Erasmus Earl*, serjeant at law, of *Heydon*, and his descendant, *Augustine Earl*, Esq.[6] died lord in 1762, leaving a son and heir, *Erasmus Earl*, Esq. who died unmarried, leaving his sister and heir, who married *William Wigget Bulwer*, Esq. of *Wood-Dalling*, who is now lord in her right.

Hunting feld bore, *or*, on a fess, *gules*, three plates.

Debenham, *sable*, a bend between three crescents, *or*.

Shardelow, *argent*, a chevron between three cross-crosslets fitche, *azure*.

Hopton, *argent*, on two bars, *sable*, six mullets, *or*.

Hansard, *gules*, three mullets, 2 and 1, *argent*.

Stotevile, p. pale, *argent* and *sable*, a saltire engrailed, counterchanged, *ermine* and *ermine*.

Ilany, *gules*, a bend between three martlets, *or*, of *Salle*.

Fountain, *or*, a fess, *gules*, between three elephants heads erased *sable*, of *Salle*.

SALLE.

THE principal lordship of this town was, in the reign of the Confessor, possessed by *Godwin*, (uncle of *Ralph Waher* Earl of *Norfolk*,) father of King *Harold*, who was deprived of it at the Conquest: at the survey it was in the Conqueror, and *Godric* farmed it, or took care of it for him. In *Godwin's* time there were 3 carucates of land, 7 villains, 6 borderers, &c. 2 servi, and 8 carucates in demean, 3 carucates belonging to the tenants, and 6 acres of meadow, &c. 2 beasts for burden and 10 cows, &c. and 9 socmen, and the moiety of another held 46 acres of land, and half an acre of meadow, with a carucate and an half; 6 freemen also had a carucate and half of land, and 6 borderers, with 6 acres of meadow; there were then 6 carucates valued at 4*l. per ann.* &c. at the survey 10*l.* quitrent, and 20*s.* by tale, as a present or free gift. It was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, paid 6½*d.* to the King's gelt, whoever held it; the socmen belonged to the King's manor of *Folsham*.[7]

[5] She was wife to the Judge Townsend, and died in 1589.

[6] Augustin Earl, Esq. was one of the honourable commissioners of excise.

[7] Terre Regis qua' Godric. servat — Salla ten. Goduin. avuncul. Rad. Co-

NUGOUN'S MANOR

Took its name from its lords; the *Nugouns*, or *Noiouns*, were early infeoffed of it; Sir *Ralph de Nugoun* lived in the reign of King *John*, and was witness to Sir *William de Gyney's* foundation deed of the priory of *Mountjoy* in *Haverland*.

Sir *Richard de Nugun* was son of Sir *Ralph*, and living in the 41st of *Henry* III. by *Joan* his wife, he was father of Sir *Ralph*, lord of *Bytheley*, in 1303, and patron.[8]

Sir *John de Nougon* was living in the 9th of *Edward* II.; *Alice* his wife, was daughter of *Peter* (sister and coheir of *Roger*) *Fitz Osbert*, in whose right he had part of *Wightlingham* in *Norfolk*, *Somerleton*, &c. in *Suffolk*, and died in the 18th of that King. Sir *John*, his son, died in the 14th of *Edward* III. and by *Beatrice* his wife, was father of another Sir *John*, who died seized of this lordship in the 22d of the said King, leaving *John*, his son, aged 4 years, who dying without issue in the 35th, *John Jernegan* was found his cousin, and heir to the *Fitz-Osberts* lands, being son of *Peter*, son of *Walter*, who married *Isabel*, the other sister and coheir of *Roger Fitz Osbert*.

In the 6th of *Richard* II. a fine was levied between *John Gilbert*, &c. querents, and *John*, son of *Nicholas Spo*, and *Nicholaa* his wife, deforciants of the third part of the manor of *Nogouns*; and in the 7th of *Richard* II. one between *Nicholas de Blakeney*, citizen of *Norwich*, and *John Gilbert*, querents, and *John Attemore*, citizen of *Norwich*, and *Beatrix* his wife, deforciants of this manor, with one messuage, a toft, &c. conveyed to *Gilbert*, from *Beatrix* and her heirs.

Thomas Brigg and *John Melman* were found in the 3d of *Henry* IV. to hold three parts of a fee of the Lord *Morley*.

Thomas Brigg of *Salle*, by his will dated *May* 6, 1444, was buried in the chapel of St. *James*, in the church of *Salle*, and was lord of this manor, *Pensthorp*, *Wood-Dalling*, *Hardegrews*, &c.; he appoints 3 chaplains to pray there for him, and a salary to each of 8 marks, *per ann.* names therein *Margaret* his wife, and *John* his son, who married, as I find, *Alianere*, daughter of *Thomas Beaupre* of *Outwell*, Esq.[9] and was descended from *Ralph de Ponte* or *Brigg*, who was living in the 3d of *Edward* I.

Thomas Brigg, Esq. was son of *John*, and by his will dated *May* 21, 1494, was buried in the church of the *Friars Minors* at *Norwich*; gives to the repair of *Mauington* church 10*l.* to that of *Wood-Dalling* 100*s.* and to that of *Salle* 10*l.* to the priory of *Bynham* 100 marks, to pray perpetually for him and his parents.—To *Margaret* his wife all his utensils at *Manington* and elsewhere, with his silver vessels, and 40*l.* to *Thomas Lomner*, and *Ann* his wife, 53*l.* *Elizabeth Lumnor* 40*l.* *John*

mitis, T. R. E. iii car. tre. semp. vii vill. tnc vi bord. p'. et m°. viii semp. ii s. tnc. iii car in dnio. p'. et m°. ii sep. iii car. hom. et vi ac. pti. silva c por. sep. ii r. et x an. et xxx porc. et xxx ov. et ix soc. et dim. XLVI ac. tre. et dim. ac. pti. sep. i car. et dim. et vi libi hoes i car. tre. et dim. vi bord. et vi ac. pti. silva xvi porc. tc vi car. p' et m°. iiii tc. val. iiii lib. p'. c sol. m°. x lib. blancas et xx sol. de gersuma ad num. et ht i leug. in long. et dim. in lato. et reddit vid. et obolu. in geldu. regis quicunq. ibi. tenet. Soca in Fosha. Regis manerio, de istis soco man'nis.

[8] Reg. Walsingh. fol. 76.

[9] Reg. Wilby Norw.

Lumnor 20*l*. *Henry Lumnor* 20*l*. and to *Thomas Sefoul*, Esq. 30*l*.—orders his executors to provide a priest to celebrate in the chapel of St. *James* in *Salle*, 10 years for him and his wife, and a marble stone for his tomb; one for his father *John*, in *Salle*; one for *Alianore* his mother, in the church of St. *Peter*, in the mercate at *Norwich*, and a stone for *Matilda Mounsey*, in the church of *Wood-Dalling*; gives his capital messuage in *Salle*, with all his lands there, in *Heydon*, *Reepham*, and *Kerdeston*, late his father's, to *Edward Briggs*, his brother, and his heirs, on condition of paying to *Margaret* his sister 40 marks, and to *Joan* his sister 40 marks.[1] *Margaret* his wife to have *Fretenham* manor for life, remainder to Sir *Henry Heydon*, on condition of paying 400 marks, 200 to his executors, and 200 to *William Lomner*.

Margaret his wife was daughter and coheir of *Thomas Monceaux* of *Wood-Dalling*, Esq. and relict of *William Lumnor* of *Mannington* in *Norfolk*, Esq.

Edward Brigg, brother of *Thomas*, married *Cecilia*, daughter of *Edmund More* of *Wolterton* in *Norfolk*, Gent. and was father of *John Brigg*, who died *May* 25, in the third year of *Edward* VI. and left by *Dorothy* his wife, daughter of *Thomas Quaplode*, *James*, his son and heir, aged 18, who married *Mary*, daughter of *Thomas Stotevill* of *Dalham* in *Suffolk*, Esq.; he died on *February* 10, in the 6th of *Edward* VI. *Mary*, his only daughter and heir, was married to *John Fountain*, Esq. and in her right was lord of this manor, serjeant at law, and died in 1671, and was father of *Brigg Fountaine*, Esq. of *Salle*, who died in 1661, and had by *Johanna* his wife, daughter of *Andrew Henley*, Esq. of *Taunton-Dean* in *Somersetshire*, *James*, his eldest son and heir, who married *Anne*, daughter of ——— *Slaney*, of *London*, Gent. and dying *November* 2, 1690, was buried in this church, leaving *Brigg Fountaine*, Esq. his son and heir, who died without issue, at the *Popinjay* in *Norwich*, in *April* 1729, and left his estate to his sister *Dorothy*, widow of *John Repps*, Esq. of *Mateshall*. See there, and in *West Walton*.

Of this family see in *Narford*:[2] I shall only add that *Adam de La Funteyne*, ancestor of this family, was living in the 41st of *Henry* III. and *Jeffrey de Founteyn*, who married *Margery*, 2d daughter and coheir of *John*, son of *Walter Evernuth* of *Runham*, who died (as appears from the eschaet rolls) in the 4th of *Edward* I.

HAW'S MANOR.

In the reign of *Edward* I. *John Attehawe* and his tenants held the 4th part of a fee of *John de Bellamont*, and he of the Earl-Marshal; *Sarah*, widow of *John Attehawe*, was found, in the 10th of *Edward* II. to die possessed of it, and *William*, son of *John Attehaw*, was lord, in the 21st of *Edward* III. *Thomas Brigg* had an interest in it at his death, in 1444, and *Thomas Brigg* in 1494.

Henry Calthorp of *Boton* in *Norfolk*, Esq. by his will, dated in *March* 1511, orders his manor of *Haws* to be sold by his executors.

[1] Regist. Wolman, p. 202. [2] Blomf. Hist. of Nor. vol. vi. p. 233.

MORE-HALL.

In the reign of *Edward* II. *William*, parson of the church of *Wolfreton*, conveyed a moiety of this manor to *Matthew Fitz-Herbert* and *Margaret* his wife, with the manor of *Wolfreton*, and the said *Matthew* held it in the 13th of *Edward* III.

Nicholas Le Putten and *Margaret* his wife, *John*, son of *William Chandught*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, conveyed it by fine to *William*, son of *Robert Clere*, in the 34th of the said King; after this the family of the *Boleyns* are said to have had an interest herein, of whom see in *Blickling*.

In the 41st of *Elizabeth*, Sir *Thomas Knevet* had a præcipe to deliver it to *Edmund Double*, Gent. Sir *Thomas* had license to alien it, in the 9th of *James* I. to Sir *John Hobart*.

William Hunt, son of *George Hunt* of *Salle*, Gent. by *Frances* his wife, sister of Sir *John Potts*, Bart. died possessed of it, and unmarried, in *June* 1711, and *Anne*, his sister and coheir, married *Nathaniel Pagrave*, rector of *Laringsete*, by whom he had *John Pagrave*, rector of *Whitwell*, and *Hackford*, and *North Barningham*.

WALSINGHAM PRIORY MANOR.

In the 34th of *Henry* III. *Almaric Peche* and *Elizabeth* his wife impleaded the prior on account of lands in this town, in right of his wife, and in the following year they came to an agreement, and 30 acres of land, 26s. rent here, were granted *William*, prior of *Walsingham*, by *Robert Fitz Ralph*, kinsman of the aforesaid *Elizabeth*, and the prior was found to hold the 4th part of a fee.

Alice, widow of Sir *Richard Brews*, gave leave with the consent of the rector of *Salle*, and the Bishop of *Norwich*, for an oratory here, in the reign of *Edward* I.

In the 15th of *Edward* I. the jury find that the prior had view of frank pledge, and the assise of bread and beer of his tenants: their temporalities, in 1428, were valued at 7*l.* 11s. 10*d. ob.*

At the Dissolution, King *Henry* VIII. granted *March* 22, in his 31st year, this lordship to Sir *James Boleyn*, in consideration of the lordship of *Kemsing*, &c. in *Kent*.

Sir *John Clere* was lord, and *Edward* his son and heir had livery of R, in the 4th and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary*; and in the 13th of *Elizabeth*, Sir *Henry Cary* Lord *Hunsdon* was lord of it.

SAL-KIRK-HALL MANOR.

This belonged (as it is said) to *St. Peirs de Bassingham* of *Bassingham*, in *Norfolk*, and came to the family of *De Mauteby*, on the marriage of *Christian*, daughter and heir of Sir *Peter*, with Sir *Walter de Mauteby*; in the 6th of *Edward* I. several messuages and lands here, and in *Dalling*, were settled by fine, on Sir *Walter de Mauteby* and *Petronilla* his wife: in the family aforesaid it remained, till *Margaret*,

daughter and heir of Sir *John de Mauteby*, brought it by marriage to *John Paston*, Esq. in the reign of *Henry* VI. in which family it continued many years; in 1611, the annual rent was 7*l.* 18*s* 1*d.* and Sir *William Paston*, Bart. sold it, *April* 21, in the 18th of *Charles* I. to *Erasmus Earl*, Esq. with *Briston*, for 1620*l.* *Aug. Earl*, Esq. died lord, as in *Stinton*, &c. and *William Wigget Bulwer*, Esq. is the present lord.

There was an ancient family who had lands here, &c. and took their name from this town.

Warine De Salle was living in the 9th of *Richard* I. *Everard de Salle*, in the 14th of *Henry* III. *Robert*, son of *Ralph de Salle*, was a benefactor to *Walsingham* priory, as was *Thomas*, son of *Warine de Salle*, to the church of the Holy *Trinity* of *Norwich*.

Isabel Countess of *Gloucester*, &c. granted in her widowhood, to *Roger*, son of *Ralph de Salle*, lands to be held by the 4th part of a fee.

Sir *Robert de Salle*, who was murdered by the *Norfolk* rebels, in the reign of *Richard* II. was son of *Edmund*, son of *Roger de Salle*.

The prior of *Ely* had temporalites valued in 1428, at 27*s.*—*Coxford* priory at 17*s.*

The tenths were 7*l.*

Ralph de Beaufoe had also a lordship here, of which *Odar*, a freeman, was deprived; 80 acres of land, 8 borderers, with a carucate and an half, and an acre of meadow belonged to it, &c. and the fourth part of a mill, and was valued at the survey at 10*s.* this soon after seems to be annexed to the capital manor, as was one socman, held by *Ralf*, son of *Hacon*, who had also a lordship of which *Wester*, a freeman, was deprived, consisting of a carucate of land, one villain, and 10 borderers, one carucate in demean, and 2 carucates among the tenants, and an acre of meadow, the moiety of a mill, 4 cows, &c. valued at 20*s.* he was lord also of *Kelling* in *Holt* hundred, and *Mundham* in *Loddon* hundred.

The CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*, the ancient valor was 40 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence 10*d.*; the present valor is 12*l.* 19*s.* 7*d.* and pays first fruits and tenths.

The patronage was formerly in the lords of *Stinton-hall*, and now in *Pembroke-hall* in *Cambridge*, by the grant of *Eras. Earl*, Esq. who died in 1721.

RECTORS.

Simon de Ellesworth, rector.

1316, Mr. *John Bacoun*, presented by Sir *Edmund Bacoun*, Knt.

Thomas de Bradefield occurs rector *A°.* 8 of *Edward* III. 1334, as by a fine.

1349, *William de Ludtheburgh*, by Sir *John de Brewes*: by his will, dated in *May* 1370,[4] he requires to be buried in the chancel, gives

[4] Terra R. de Bellofago.—In Salla tenet Odarus i lib. ho. T. R. E. xxx ac. tre. sep. viii bor. et i car. et dim. et i ac. pti. silv. v por. et quarta pars mol. et val x sol.——Terra Rad'i filij Hagonis——Et in Salla, i soc.——In Salla ten. Wester lib. ho. T. R. E. car. tre. sep. i vill. et x bor. sep. i car. in dnio. et ii car. houm. et i ac. pti. silv. vi por. et dim. mol. et iiii an. et vi. por. et val. xx sol.

[4] Reg. Haydon. fol. 11.

to Sir *John de Brews*, one of his best horses, to the lady *Eve* his wife, 5 marks and a silver cup with a cover, to Sir *John de Brews*, junior, 40*s*. to *Giles* his brother, 40*s*. the lady *Margaret*, wife of Sir *William de Wychingham*, a silver cup with a cover; he was chancellor to the Bishop of *Norwich*.

1371, *Adam de Hautboys Magna*, by Sir *John Brews*.
1375, *John Holwey*. *Ditto*.
1401, *William Shefield*, by the assignees of *Robert Brewes*.
1428, *William Wode*, by Sir *Simon Felbrigg*.
1441, *John Neketon*, by *Ela*, relict of Sir *Robert Brewse*.
1460, Mr. *Phil. Lepeyate*, by *Thomas Brewse*, Esq.
1478, *William Roos*, by Sir *Thomas Brewse*, Knt.
1495, Mr. *Ralph Stanhope*, by *Eliz. Brewes*, and *William Yelverton*.
1506, *Robert Godfrey*, in decret. bac. by *Roger Townsend*, and *Anth. Hansard*, Esq.
1523, *Roger Townsend*, by Sir *Roger Townsend*, Knt.
1538, *William Warrison*. *Ditto*.
1558, *John Crane*, S. T. B. by the King and Queen.
1565, *John Thirston*, by the assigns of *Roger Townsend*, Esq.
1587, *Thomas Aldred*. *Ditto*.
1590, *Richard Wrathall*. *Ditto*.
1628, *Thomas King*, A. M. by Sir *Roger Townsend*.
1637, *Roger Howman*. *Ditto*.
1670, *Sam. Flack*, by *Frances Earle*, widow of *Martin Earle*, and *James Longe*.
1708, *John Snell*, by *Robert Snell*, Gent.
1711, *Robert Whitefoot*, rector, by *John Whitefoot*, clerk, and *Thomas Clayton*, clerk.
Edward Lany, D.D. occurs rector 1724.
1725, *William Sutton*, by *Pembroke-hall, Cambridge*.
John Browning, 1731, on *Sutton's* death. *Ditto*,
1734, *Thomas Brown*. *Ditto*.
Lanc. Addison, D. D. the present rector, 1764.

The church is a stately pile, built chiefly of freestone, in form of a cathedral, consisting of a nave, a north and south isle with 2 cross isles, and a chancel covered with lead, and a lofty, strong, four-square tower at the west end, on which are carved the arms of St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*, of the crucifixion, &c. of *Brews* and *Mauteby*, *Morley*, *Kerdeston*, &c.; benefactors, no doubt, to this work, which was built in the reign of *Henry* VI.

Over the south porch, and on the battlements of the south cross isle, are the arms of *Brigg*, and in many parts on the church, those of *Delapole* Duke of *Suffolk*, and *Wingfield*, quarterly, who was, as I take it, principal benefactor or builder.

The chancel is 40 feet long; in the east window are the arms of *Delapole* and *Wingfield*, quarterly; and quarterly, *gules* and *argent*, in the first quarter, an eagle displayed, *or*, *Phelips* Lord *Bardolf*—and *azure*, 3 cinquefoils, *or*, in the 2d and 3d quarter, *Bardolf* Lord *Bardolf*.

On the pavement lies a marble stone,

In memory of Roger Howman, M. D. and *Howman's* arms, *gules*, a rose, *argent*, and a chief, *ermine*, impaling *Bulwer*.

Another,

For Erasmus Howman, M. D. and one *For Ellen Howman.*

In the nave lie several gravestones,

Orate p. a'i'a. Margaretæ nup. uxor. Tho. Ryghtwys quæ obt. 10 *Aug.* 15.

Orate p. a'i'a. Margaretæ uxor. Edwardi Talke filiæ Johs. Walpole, armig'i. quæ obt. 20 *Junij* 1486.

One,

In memory of Erasmus Earle, son of Edward Earle, fourth son of Erasmus Earle, serjeant at law, who died March 1, 1695, *in his* 28 *year.* ——*Here rests Elizabeth Earle, only daughter of Erasmus and Mary Earle, who died July* 29, 1692; and the arms of *Earle.*

Orate p. a'i'a. Petri Crome et Margarete uxoris ejus.

Orate p. a'i'a. Henrici Hoddys qui obt. 1532.

Orate p. a'i'ab. Willi. Founteyn, et Margarete uxoris ejus, qui quidem Willi. obt. 1505.

Orate p. a'i'a. Katerine Curd.

Orate p. a'i'a. Simonis Boleyn, capellani, qui obt. 3 *die mensis Augi.* 1482.——*Hic jacet Galfrid. Boleyn qui obt.* 25 *die mensis Martij* 1440, *et Alicie, uxor. ejus, et pueror. suorum, quorum a'i'ab;* &c. On this gravestone are the portraitures of him and his wife, and of 5 sons at his feet, and 4 daughters at her feet; and over their heads on a label, *Dominus propitius esto nobis peccatorib.* This *Geffrey* was father of Sir *Geffrey Boleyn,* lord mayor of *London,* who was great grandfather to Queen *Elizabeth.*

Of this family was *John de Boylene* of *Salle,* who lived in 1283, probably son of *Simon de Boleyne,* who purchased lands by fine, in the 37th of *Henry* III. A large account of them may be found in *Blomfield's History,* under the town of *Blickling;*[5] the said *Simon's* mother was sister and heir of *Robert Malet,* and had lands in *Walpole, Stalham,* and *Brunsted* in *Norfolk;* and the family is said to have an interest in the manors of *Hawes,* and *Morehall* in this town.

In the north isle, on a gravestone, the portraiture of a man and woman, and several children:

Hic jacet Tho. Rouse, qui obt. 12, *die mensis Octob.* 1440, *et Catherina uxor. ejus, quorum,* &c.

On another,

Orate p. a'i'ab; Alani Breuse qui obt. 1 *die mens. Aprilis* 1483, *et Johanne, uxoris ej. et pueror. eorundem, quorum,* &c.

Orate p. a'i'a. Johs. Ryghtwys generosi qui obt. A. D. 1504.

In the north transept,

Orate p. a'i'a. Johs. Funteyn, qui obt. octavo decimo die mens. Febr. 1453, *et p. a'i'ab; Alicie, Johanne et Agnetis uxor. ej. et p. quib; tene'. tur.* A plate of this may be seen at *Narford.*

On a gravestone the arms of *Man, azure,* on a fess, counterembattled, between three goats, passant, *argent,* as many torteaux, impaling

[5] Vol. vi. p. 386.

Fountain; also *sable,* on a chevron, between six crosses pattee fitchee, *or,* three de luces, *azure, Smith,* impaling *Man.*

In memory of Alice, daughter of George Smith, of North Nibley in Gloucestershire, and Dorothy his wife, daughter of Brigg Fountaine, of this parish, Esq. and Joanna his wife, daughter of Andrew Henley, Esq. of Taunton-Dean in Somersetshire, who died December 7, 1693.

On the east wall a mural monument of marble, with the arms of *Fountayne,*

Johannes Fountayne, serviens ad legem filius primogenitus Arthuri Fountayne de Dalling, in hoc comitatu, unius filiorum Arthuri Fountayne, de Salle, obt. 14 *die Junij,* 1671, *ætatis* 70, *et in hac insula jacet sepultus.*

The south isle and transept seem to be built by the benefaction of *John Brigg,* Esq. who is here buried, and on the stone work of this isle and transept, may be observed the arms of *Briggs; gules,* three bars, gemelle, *or,* and a canton, *argent:* an account of this gentleman and his epitaph, and of the family, may be seen in *Blomefield,* Vol. iv. p. 218.

Here also are several gravestones,

Orate p. a'i'ab; Edwardi Briggs et Cecilie consortis sue, qui quidem. Edw. obt. 2. *die mensis Apr. A. D.* 1511.———*Hic jacet Christiana Briggs nup. uxor. Johs.*

On a stone the portraiture of a man between his 2 wives;

Pray for the soules of Thomas Briggs—and the two Margarets his wifes.

Orate p. a'i'ab; Simonis Grene qui obt. 16 *die Januarij,* 1491, *et Helewysie uxor. ejus et pueror. eorund.*

Here was the image of St. *Mary* in the chapel of St. *James,*—the chapel of St. *Thomas;* the guilds of St. *Margaret, Holy Trinity,* St. *Mary,* and St. *John* Baptist, and the altars of them; St. *Thomas's* light, *Trinity,* and the *Virgin's* light; in *Mersegate,* of *Lyneton,* and *Steynwode,* the plough light, in *Mersegate Green.*

In a window of the south transept, were the arms of *Berney,* impaling, checque, *or* and *sable,* a fess, *argent, Winter;* over the south door the arms of *Briggs,* and in the windows here, *Beaupre* and *Calthorp, Calthorp* and *Briggs.*

In the windows about the church, were also the arms of *Brews,* lords and patrons; *gules,* a lion rampant, and crusily of crosslets, *or;* with their crest, the head of an old man with a long beard, couped, and wreathed. Also *Brews,* impaling *Shardelow;*—*Brews* impaling *Ufford;*—*Brews* and *Calthorp;*—*Brews,* impaling, *argent,* a chevron, *gules,* between three cross crosslets fitchee, *azure, Shardelow.*

In a house, late *Briggs's,* in *Salle,* were these arms; *Briggs* impaling *Beaupre, Briggs,* impaling, quarterly, *gules,* on a chevron, *argent,* three cinquefoils, *azure,* in the first and fourth, and *gules,* a chevron, between three boars heads, couped, *argent, White.*

Most towns (I am persuaded) took their names from some stream or water near to them, the names of which streams, &c. now through length of time are lost and unknown, so that *Salla* may be derived from *Sa* or *Sal,* and *A;* thus *Salisburij, Salford, Salton,* &c. and *Sala* is a river's name in *Germany.*

THEMILTHORPE.

THIS village is not mentioned in the book of *Domesday*; part of it is accounted for under the King's manor of *Folsham*, of which it was a member, and valued with it; part of it also belonged to the Earl *Warren's* manor of *Kerdeston*.

It remained in the Crown till King *Richard* I. granted it with *Folsham* to *Baldwin de Betun* Earl of *Albemarle* and *Holderness*, and from him it came to *William Marshal* Earl of *Pembroke*; and *John de Marshal*, as lord, gave in the reign of *Henry* III. to the priory of *Walsingham*, the advowson of the church of *Themilthorpe*.

King *Henry* III. in his 28th year, granted to *Alice Luton*, nurse to his son, Price *Edward*, for her maintenance during life, the land of *John de Save*, a *Norman*, which came to the King as an escheat, *John* (as I take it) being a rebel; and in the 43d of that King, a fine was levied between *William*, son of *William* of *Great Yarmouth*, and *John Luton*, and *Alice* his wife, who conveyed to *William* this land of 10*l. per ann.* called *Luton-Fee*, lying in this town, *Folsham*, *Geyst*, *Woodnorton*, *Dalling*, &c.: and in the 15th of *Edward* I. *Thomas Gerberge*, was found to be in possession of it; and in the 17th of *Edward* II. *John Gerberge* held half a fee here and in *Geyst*, of the Earl *Warren*, as said: Sir *Thomas Gerbrigg* died lord and intestate, in 1370; and *William Gerbrigg*, his son, held here and in *Woodnorton*, half a fee of the Earl of *Arundel*, as said; of this family see in *Wood-Norton*.

In the reign of *Henry* VIII. Sir *Robert Townsend* had a grant of *Luton-Fee*, &c. as in *Geist*.

In the 8th of King *John*, a fine was levied between *Muriel*, widow of *William de Bellomonte*, and *William de Bellomonte* her son, of the dower of *Muriel* in this town; and *William de Bellomonte* confirmed to the priory of *Castleacre* 2 parts of the tithe of his demeans here, and in *Kerdeston*, held of the Earl *Warren*; and in the 14th of *Henry* III. *Robert de Thymelthorp* had lands, and paid half for a writ called a *pone*.

Warine Fitz-Hugh had an interest here in the 17th of *Edward* I. by *Alice* his wife, relict of *John de* St. *Clare*; he had 2 daughters and coheirs; *Mabil* married to *Robert de* St. *Lys*, and *Alice* to *Walter de Clopton*, who contended for the lands of *Warine*, in *Cowling*, *Suffolk*, this town, *Kerdeston*, *Repham*, and *East Barsham*, *Norfolk*; and on a division of the estate, *Mabil* had *Cowling*, and *Alice* the other towns and lands.

William de Clopton held here and in *Kerdeston*, in the 20th of *Edward* III. the 3d part of a fee, and *Hugh de Burgolion*, in the said towns, a 3d part of the Earl *Warren's* fee; *William de Kerdeston*, also two parts of a third part of a fee, of *William de Clopton*.

On *November* 24, in the 38th of *Henry* VIII. *John Byllow* and *John Broxholm* had a grant of all the manor of *Thymblethorp*, late Sir *Richard Southwell's*; in the said year, *Byllow* had license to alien it to *John Spencer*; and again, in the first of *Edward* VI. *Byllow* had

license, and aliened it to *George Themilthorp*, Gent. who presented to the church in 1554, and *Robert Themilthorp*, by his assigns, in 1586.—*George* was son of *Richard Themilthorp* of *Foulsham*, by *Anne Barrow*, his wife; he married *Bridget*, daughter of *Walter Jernegan* of *Somerley* town in *Suffolk*, and was father of *Charles Themilthorp*, of *Worsted*, who by *Margaret*, daughter of *Paul Birkbank* of *Alborough* in *Suffolk*, had 2 daughters, *Elizabeth* and *Anne*.—*Thomas Hunt* was lord in 1600: from the *Hunts* it came to Sir *Jacob Astley*, Bart. and his grandson, the Honourable Sir *Jacob Astley*, Bart. died lord in 1757, and patron.

The tenths were 1*l.* 8*s.* 2*d.* Deducted 5*s.* 2*d.*

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to St *Andrew*; the ancient valor was 6 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence, 5*d. ob.* The present valor is 4*l.* 2*s.* 7*d. ob.* and is discharged of first fruits and tenths. It is a single pile with a chancel thatched, and a square tower with three bells.

In the 3d of *Henry* III. *Vincent de Bec* occurs rector, presented by *Baldwin* Earl of *Albemarle* and *Holderness*; in the 35th of that King, there being a suit between *William*, prior of *Walsingham*, and *Walter de Thymelthorp*, about the right of presentation, the prior's right and grant from the *Marshals* being allowed, *Walter* conveyed his interest herein by fine to the prior.

John of *Oxford* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed to the priory of *Castleacre*, two parts of the tithes of the demeans of *Godfrey de Bellomonte*, as *Simon* the Bishop did in 1265.

RECTORS.

William de Welbrun occurs rector in the 17th of *Edward* II.
1330, *Jeffrey de Walsingham* instituted, presented by the prior of *Walsingham*.
Jeffrey Skynner, rector.
1352, *Robert Attefaldgate*. *Ditto*.
1356, *John de Aysh*.
1359, *Thomas de Derham*.
1367, *Robert Clere*.
1404, *John Shepherd*.
Simon Morse, rector.
1412, *Hugh Deye*.
William Tanner, rector.
1414, *Henry Mayhew*.
1442, *Robert Rydout*.
John Wylson, rector.
1458, *William Preston*.
1492, *William Bache*.
1528, *John Wright*.
1529, *John Baker*.
1535, *Robert Sall*.
1554, *Edmund Nicholls*, presented by *George Themilthorp*, Gent.
1561, *John Breese*. *Ditto*.
1576, *Thomas Richards*, by the assigns of *George Themilthorp*.
1581, *Henry Hilton*. *Ditto*.

1586, *John Walden*, by the assigns of *Robert Themilthorp*.
1600, *Robert Lamkyn*, by *Thomas Hunt*, Esq.
Robert Hunt, rector, succeeded him.
George Fetherstonhagh, rector.
1660, *Herbert Astley*, D. D. rector also of *Folsham*.
1715, *Jos. Hogan*, succeeded *Daniel Morley*.
1721, *Robert Barrow*, by Sir *Jacob Astley*, Bart.
George Featherston, died rector 1721.

In the church were the arms of the Earl of *Arundel*, and the Earl *Warren*, quarterly.

The temporalities of *Walsingham* priory 5*s*. 9*d*.; of *West Derham*, 1*s*.

John Marshall, lord of *Folsham*, gave by deed, *sans* date, the advowson to *Walsingham* priory in the reign of *Henry* III. and *Warine Fox* of *Thymelthorp*, in the 35th of that King, released all his right to the prior.

THURNING.

THE principal lordship of this village was, at the survey, farmed of the Conqueror, or took care of by *Godric* his steward, *Ulf*, a *Saxon*, lord of it in the days of King *Edward*, being deprived, when one carucate of land and 6 villains, 9 borderers, and one servus belonged to it; there were 2 carucates in demean, one and an half among the tenants, with 10 acres of meadow, &c. the moiety of a mill, 4 runci, 20 cows, &c. and 50 sheep; and 6 socmen had 16 acres of land, and a carucate and an half. The soc belonged to the King's manor of *Folsham*; it was at that time valued at 60*s*. at the survey at 100*s*. quit-rent, and 10*s*. as a present, or free gift, was 5 furlongs long, and 6 broad, and paid 5*d*. to the King's gelt.[a]

THURNING-MANOR.

In the 11th of King *John*, a fine was levied between *Philip le Moyne*, petent, and *Berenger le Moyne* tenent, of 3 hides and an half of land here, &c. and in the 13th, *Petronilla*, widow of *Roger de Lenham*, conveyed to *Roger de Botevant*, 2 knights fees here, &c. *William*, son of *Ely*, conveyed lands by fine, in the 7th of *Richard* I. to *Ralph de Lenham*.

Nicholas de Lenham in the 41st of *Henry* III. grants by fine, to

[a] Terre Regis qua'. Godric. servat. Tyrninga ten. Ulf i lib. ho. T. R. E. i car. t're. semp. vi vill. et ix bord. et i ser. semp. ii car. in d'nio. et i car. et dim. ho'um et x ac. p'ti. silva lx por. et dim mol. et iiii r. et xx an. et xvi por. et l ovs. et vi soc. xvi ac. t're. sep. i car. et dim. sup. soca' in Folsha' Reg. tnc. p. val. lx sol. mo. c sol. blancas, et x sol. g' suma ad num. et ht. v quar. in long. et vi in lat. et redd. vd. in geldu' Regis.

William de Clare, an annual rent of six pounds out of this manor, for 11 years.

In the first year of *Edward* I. *Nicholas de Lenham* sold it to *Robert Burnell*, (after Bishop of *Bath* and *Wells*,) who in the said year granted it to Sir *William de Estorny*, Knt. for life; and in the 3d of that King, the jury present that Sir *William* had set up a ducking-stool; by a pleading in the 4th of that reign, it appears, that the tenants of this manor were free from toll in the mercate of *Holt* in *Norfolk*. In the 9th year the King grants to the Bishop, free warren here and in *Ryston*; in the said year he purchased of *William*, the prior of *Norwich*, 50 acres of land, with 27*s.* and 7*d.* rent, and the advowson of this church, by fine;[7] and in the 10th of the said King, it was found that he held this lordship by the service of two fees, and paying to *Richmond* castle 8*s.* 4*d. per ann.*[8] In the 15th of that King, the jury find that *Roger Myniot* held it of the Bishop for life, and claimed view of frank pledge, assise of bread and beer, a tumbrell, free warren, weyf, &c.

On the death of this prelate, his great estate descended to his nephew and heir, Lord *Burnell*; and *Edward* Lord *Burnell* died possessed of it in the 9th of *Edward* II. In this family it continued till the death of *Edward* Lord *Burnell*, in the 4th of *Henry* V. who left 4 daughters and coheirs; — *Jocosa*, who married *Thomas Erdington*; *Catherine*, who married Sir *John Ratcliff*, ancestor of the Earls of *Sussex*: and *Mary* to Sir *Edmund Hungerford*: on a division of the estate, this lordship came to *Ratcliff*; in which family it remained till *Robert Ratcliff* Earl of *Sussex* sold it in the 39th of *Elizabeth*, to *John Hunt*, LL. D. who in the 14th of *James* I. gave it in marriage with *Ursula* his daughter, to *Lionel Pitts*, Gent.; *John Pitts*, his son, married *Ursula Thorisby*, and conveyed it in or about 1666, to *Erasmus Earle*, Esq. and *Erasm. Earle*, Esq. presented to the church in 1688. *Aug. Earl*, Esq. died lord and patron in 176-, leaving *Erasmus* his son and heir, who dying unmarried, his sister and heir brought it by marriage to *William Wigget Bulwer*, Esq. now lord in 1764. See in *Stinton*.

The tenants of this manor paid, in 1616, 8*s.* and 6*d. per ann.* rent (*Richmond* fee) to the lord of *Swafham* in *Norfolk*.

Another lordship in *Thurning* was held by a freeman in the Confessor's time, who had one carucate of land, and there were in the whole 3 carucates and an half, 2 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 20*s.* but at the survey at 30*s.* and came to the Earl *Warren*, by an exchange for lands at *Lewes*, in *Sussex*. The lord of *Thurning* manor was charged or cessed as belonging to the King's manor of *Sall*, and was held by *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk*, afterwards by *R. Blund*, and one year by *Godric*; at the survey by *William de Warren*; and the hundred witnesses that he who held it in King *Edward's* time was a freeman.[9]

In the 15th of *Edward* I. the jury find that *John de Sanys* or *Save*, a *Norman*, held in the reign of *Henry* III. 10*l. per ann.* rent in this town, *Norton*, *Bintre*, *Dalling*, *Thymelthorp*, *Sparham*, *Weston*, and

[7] Reg. i eccles. Norw. fol. 46.
[8] Rot. Hon. de Richmd. fol. 46.
[9] T're Willi. de Warrenna —— In Tyrninga i lib. ho. de i car. t're. intr. em's semp. iii car et dim. et ii ac p'ti. silv. viii por. tc. val. xx sol. mo. xxx et e. p. escang. de Lequis. —— Ille de Tyrninga fuit in censu de Salla Regis. tc. R. Comitis et sub R. Blundo et i anno sub Godrico. mo. ten. W. de War. et hoc testatr. hund. qd. fuit lib. ho. T. R. E.

Geistwade, which escheated to the said King, and was held then by Sir *Thomas Gerbridge*, who was ordered to be summoned, and enquiry to be made about it. This was part, as I take it, of the *Luton* fee; see p. 214 and 277.

John de Mauteby was lord in the 9th of *Edward* II.

In 1487, *John Gros*, Esq. by his will, dated at *Irsted*, *March* 1, 1387, bequeaths to *Margaret* his wife his manor of *Thurning*, for life; after to the issue of his body;[1] remainder to Sir *Henry Heydon*, and his heirs, on certain conditions; proved *September* 17, 1488.

William Beaufoe Bishop of *Thetford* held in his right, as a lay fee, 15 acres of land, and half a carucate, and an acre of meadow, &c. valued at 8*s.* and possessed by a freeman in the reign of the Confessor. This was soon after united to the capital manor, as were 20 acres of land, and a carucate valued at 4*s.* held by a socman of *Hagon* at the survey, &c.[2]

The tenths were 5*l.* Deducted 1*l.* 10*s.*

Everard, son of *Ralph de Geist*, by deed, *sans* date, gave to the church of the *Holy Trinity*, of *Norwich*, for the use of the almoner, half a mark's annual rent, which *Roger*, son of *Pagan*, paid out of 24 acres and an half in this town, and *Clipeshage*, with the homage and service of the said *Roger*, for the soul of *Roger*, and *Henry*, sons of *Maud*, who had nursed him.[3]

The temporalities of *Norwich* priory in 1428, were 5*d.*; of *Walsingham*, 3*s.*; of St. *Faith's* of *Horsham*, 8*s.*; of *Ely*, 2*s.* 9*d. ob.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Andrew*, and is a rectory; anciently valued at 14 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence, 6*d. ob.* The present valor is 7*l.*

It consists of 2 isles, and has a square tower with 3 bells, but the chancel is down.

On a gravestone before the reading desk,

Here lyeth the body of Peter Elwyn of Heveningham, who died April 8, 1681.

Also one,

For Matt. Elwyn, gent. who died June 23, 1682.

RECTORS.

1303, *Henry de Hales* instituted, presented by Sir *Roger Miniot*, Knt.

Robert de Nes, by the Lady *Alice Burnell*, lady of *Thurning*.

In 1332, *Robert Trott* occurs rector.

1342, *Henry de Becford*. *Ditto*.

1354, *Edward de Attone*. *Ditto*.

1354, *Henry de Becford*. *Ditto*.

1361, *Ad. Shehull*. *Ditto*

John Dalby, rector.

[1] Reg. Wolman. pt. 2, fol. 8.

[2] Terra Epi. Tedfordensis de feudo ejusd. —— In Turninga i lib ho. xv ac. terre, et dim. car. et i ac. p'ti. tc. silva i porc. et val. vii sol. —— Terra Hagonis —— In Tirninga i soc. xx ac. t're sep. i car. et val. iiii sol.

[3] Reg. 2. eccles. Cath. Norw. fol. 61.

1375, *Clement Dolberyn*, by Sir *Richard Burnell*.
1421, *Thomas Fitz-Richard*, by Sir *John Talbot* Lord *Furnival*.
1434, *William Cuckow*, by Sir *John Radcliff*, and Sir *Edmund Hungerford*.
1452, *Richard Otterington*, by *John Ferrers*, and *Catherine* his wife, late wife of Sir *John Radcliff*.
1457, *John Hyvo*, by *John Radcliff* of *Attilburgh*.
1464, Mr. *Laurence Yerdesherse*, by the Lady *Fitzwater*.
1468, *Richard Mustarder*, by Sir *John Denham*, in right of *Elizabeth* his wife.
1482, *William Rokeland*, a *Carme*, by *John Radcliff* Lord *Fitzwater*.
1484, *John Prestwyk*. *Ditto*.
1486, *William Crane*. *Ditto*.
1509, *William Eton*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1520, *Ralph Stuardson*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1562, *Peter Langton*, by *Thomas* Earl of *Sussex*.
1567, *Simon Thompson*. *Ditto*.
1608, *Francis Catlyn*, by *William Catlyn*.
1624, *John Brown*, by the assigns of *John Hunt*, LL. D. master in chancery.
1641, *Robert Garret*, by *Lionel Pitts*, Gent. and *Ursula* his wife.
1688, *Arthur Gallant*, by *Erasmus Earl*, Esq.
1692, *Arthur Gallant*. *Ditto*.
1706, *Robert Wace*. *Ditto*.
1748, *Francis Aylmer*, by *Corpus Christi* college, *Cambridge*.
1759, *John Barnardiston*, rector, presented by *Corpus Christi* college, *Cambridge*, the present patrons.

TWYFORD.

THIS town is not mentioned in *Domesday Book*, being accounted for under the lordship of *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Bucks*, in *Bintre*, and under the lordship of *Swanton* in *Folsham*, then in the King's hands; I shall therefore treat of them jointly, and in order of time as I find them.

Both these lordships of *Giffard's*, in *Bintre* and *Swanton*, were held by the *Marshalls*, Earls of *Pembroke*, and the family of *De Bintre* was soon after the conquest enfeoffed of this lordship of *Twyford*, that belonged to the Earls of *Clare*, by the *Marshalls*, who held it of that honour.

In the 2d year of King *John*, *Eborard de Bintre* was lord; *Bartholomew de Bintre* held here, &c. half a fee of the Earl of *Gloucester* and *Clare*, in the reign of King *Henry* III. and in 1309, presented to this church, as did *Robert*, son of *Bartholomew*, in 1321, and *Joan*, daughter of *Bartholomew de Byntre*, in 1342. *John de Foxley*, who

gave name to this lordship, presented in 1349, and *William de Wichingham* in 1356. In the year 1373, *Robert Curson* of *Huningham*, granted to *William Curson* of *Belford*, all his right of the manor of *Swanton's* in *Folsham*, with the appertenances, and the advowson of *Twyford* church, he had of the grant of *Thomas Curson*; and *Thomas Curson* of *Folsham*, presented in 1379; it was settled on *Thomas Curson* for life.

In the 9th of *Richard* II. *Peter Bygayn* who held by the law of *England* certain lands and tenements of *Twyford*, &c. of the inheritance of *John*, son and heir of *Thomas de Foxley*, after the death of *Agnes*, late his wife, grants to *John Churchman*, citizen of *London*, the said lands and tenements.

Thomas Curson of *Twyford* was lord, and presented in 1393, and *William Curson* in 1414; but in the year 1448, *John Heydon*, *Robert Popy*, &c. presented; *John Popy* was lord in 1464, and with *Catherine* his wife, presented, as *Robert Popy* did in 1485, and in 1509.

Rob. Poppy was lord in the reign of *Henry* VIII., and his daughter and heir *Alice*, brought it by marriage to *Robert Townsend*, Esq. son of Sir *Roger Townsend* of *Reinham*, who presented in 1541, then serjeant at law; *Thomas Townsend*, Esq. his son, in 1558, and *Roger Townsend*, Gent. in 1571, as did *Thomas Townsend*, by his assigns, in 1578 and 1581.

From the *Townsends* it came to *George Grime*, Esq. who was patron about 1600.

Augustine Holl, Esq. was lord and patron in 1715, son of Sir *Robert Holl*, by *Anne*, his wife, daughter of Sir *Thomas Guybon* of *Thursford*, and this family presented in 1740.

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Nicholas*; the ancient valor was 35*s*.

The abbey of *Nutley* had a portion of tithe valued at 10*s*.—the portion of *Ichyringham*, 6*s*. 8*d*.—*Peter*-pence 2*d*. *ob*. The present valor is 4*l*. 19*s*. 8*d*. *ob*. and is discharged from first fruits and tenths.

RECTORS.

1309, *Hugh de Byntre* instituted, presented by *Bartholomew de Byntre*.
1321, *John de Byntre*, by *Robert*, son of *Bartholomew de Byntre*.
1342, *Richard de Geyst*, by *Joan*, daughter of *Bartholomew de Byntre*.
1349, *Richard Godwyne*, by *John de Foxley*.
1356, *Richard de Dedmore*, by *William de Wichingham*.
Robert Girne, rector.
1385, *Richard Ulsy*. *Ditto*.
1393, *John Wrastlyngworth*. *Ditto*.
1394, *William Blaby*. *Ditto*.
1399, *John Hamond*, by *Thomas Curson* of *Twyford*.
1402, *Thomas Vyel*. *Ditto*.
William Frankelyn, rector.
1414, *John Pelles*, by *William Curson*.
1415, *John Gardener*. *Ditto*.

1416, *William Windele.* *Ditto.*
1448, *William Doraunt*, by *John Heydon, Robert Popy*, &c.
1464, *John Porter*, by *John Popy*, and *Catherine* his wife.
1478, *Nicholas Williams*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1485, *Robert Mark*, by *Robert Popy.*
1487, *Thomas Barker.* *Ditto.*
1494, *John Freeman.* *Ditto.*
1495, *John Trewe.* *Ditto.*
1503, *William Heyward.* *Ditto.*
1509, *Thomas Harneys.* *Ditto.*
1541, *Robert Jary*, by *Robert Townsend*, serjeant at law.
1554, *Robert Watson*, by Sir *Robert Townsend.*
1555, *John Jubb*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1558, *Robert Seaman*, by *Thomas Townsend*, Esq.
1561, *William Gippes.* *Ditto.*
1562, *Henry Ruston.* *Ditto.*
1571, *Thomas Church*, by *Roger Townsend*, Gent.
1578, *Andrew Steynsby*, by the assigns of *Thomas Townsend.*
1581, *Henry Hilton.* *Ditto.*

Edward Ricks, rector, succeeded *Hilton*; and *George Grime* was then patron.

J. Goodman, occurs rector in 1689.

Daniel Morley, rector.

1715, *Joseph Hogan*, on the resignation of *Morley*, by *Aug. Holl*, Esq.
1720, *Robert Barrow.* *Ditto.*
1722, *Francis* St. *John.* *Ditto.*
1723, *Robert Laurence.* *Ditto.*
1730, *Edward Farmer.* *Ditto.*
1740, *John Gregory*, by *Augustine Holl*, &c.

The *Holls* descend from *Thomas Holle*, of *Heyham*, by *Norwich*, Gent. who died in 4th and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary*, and left *Thomas* his son and heir.

The CHURCH is a single pile without a steeple, but there is a shed in the churchyard for 3 bells.—In the chancel, on a gravestone,

Orate p. a'i'a. Tho. Harnes quo'd. rector.

In the east window, *azure*, a chevron, *ermin*, between three gilly flowers, proper, the stalks, *or*, the arms of *Poppy*, impaling, *ermine*, a bend compony, *argent* and *sable*, *Curson.*

In the church,

Orate p. a'i'a. Isabelle Poppy nup. uxor. Roberti Curson, que obt. 1497.

Sacred to the memory of Henry Framingham, Esq. who by his last will, gave 1000*l. to endow an hospital for ten poor men in Lynn Regis, of which town he was twice mayor, as he was also high sheriff of the county of Norfolk: he departed this life November* 29, 1710, *in the* 73 *year of his age:*

Here also lyeth the body of Bridget his wife, who died March 2, 1712, *aged* 78. *This monument was erected by Dame Johanna Seaman, wife of Sir Peter Seaman, only child and heir to her father.*

In the 38th of *Elizabeth*, *George Gryme* had a *præcipe* to render to

Robert Tilney, Esq. and *Robert Themilthorp*, Gent. *Twyford-Foxley's* manor, and *Swanton's* in *Folkham*, *Geist*, &c. and *South Hall* in *Twyford*, *Bintre*, &c. and in the 13th of *James* I. *Nicholas Cooke*, Gent. had a *præcipe* to render to *Thomas Fairfax*, Gent. and *Thomas Lane*, the manors of *Twyford Swanton's*, *Foxley's*, and *Southall* messuage.

After this, it came to Mr. *Raley*, and by his daughter to ——— *Nabbs*, Gent. and by his daughter and coheir, ———, to *James Ward*, Esq. of *Hindringham*, and so by marriage to *Augustine Holl*, Esq. who was lord in right of his wife, *Catherine*, in 1714.

The town takes its name from some stream or rivulet, called anciently the *Twy*; thus *Twyford* in *Hampshire*, *Leicestershire*, &c. *Twywell*, *Northamptonshire*, *Twyverton* in *Somersetshire*, &c. or from 2 streams or rivulets.

WESTON.

THE principal part of this town was a beruite to *William de Scohies's* lordship of *Wichingham*, granted to him on the deprivation of *Hardewin*, a freeman, who was lord of it in King *Edward's* time; when there was one carucate of land, held by one villain, and 12 borderers, and one servus, one carucate in demean and one among the tenants, and 2 acres of meadow; 10 socmen had 80 acres of land, and there were 8 carucates and 2 acres of meadow; a church endowed with 12 acres, valued at 4*d.* the whole was then valued at 7*l.* and after at 8*l.* 10*s. per ann.* two freemen had the 5th part of half a carucate, and 2 borderers a carucate and half, valued at 30*s.* The soc of these two, was in *Folkham* manor, but *William* Earl *Warren* now had it; it was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 20*d.* gelt whoever held it.[4]

LONGUEVILE'S MANOR.

William de Scohies, who was a *Norman*, and not a *Scot*, sold all his lordships in *England*, in the reign of *Henry* I. to *Walter Giffard*, the 2d Earl of *Buckingham*, who granted this, with the tithe of his demean, and the church, to the priory of *Longavile* in *Normandy*, of their foundation, and where *Walter* his father was buried; from the *Giffards* it came by marriage to the Earls of *Clare*.

King *Edward* III. in his wars with *France*, seized on this manor, as a priory alien, and it remained in the Crown, till King *Henry* VI. on

[4] Terra Willi. de Scohies —— In Westuna beruita, i car. t're. et sep. i vill. et xii bor. et i ser. sep. i car. in d'nio. et i car. ho'um. et ii ac. p'ti. et x soc. lxxx ac. t're. tc. et p. viii car. mo. vii et i potest fieri et ii ac. p'ti. i eccliа. xii ac. et val. iiii*d.* totu' tc. vii lib. p. viii. lib. x sol. mo. simil. et ii libi ho'es. quint. dim. car. t're. et ii bor. sep. i car. et dim. et val. xxx sol. de his duob; soca in Folsham Regis, s. W. tenet et ht. i leug. in long. et in lat. et reddit xx*d.* in geltum quicumq; ibi teneat.

September 12, in his fifth year, gave it to *Winchester* (or *New*) college in *Oxford;* and *Walter Hill,* custos of that college, in the 6th of *Edward* IV. when the manor of *Tye Hall* and *Aldenham's* paid quitrents to this manor, that had the lete of the town.

TYE-HALL,

So called from the family of *De Tye,* or *Atte Eye,* that is, at the water, or island; Sir *Peter de Tye* was lord of it in the 11th of *Edward* III. when a fine was levied of lands in *Weston,* conveyed to him by *Nicholas Malysel,* and *Sibilla* his wife, probably son of *Peter Atte Eye,* who was summoned in the 17th of *Edward* II. to a great council of the prelates, earls, barons, &c. In the 21st of *Edward* III. a fine was levied between Sir *Peter,* and *Dionysia* his wife, querents, *John de Broke,* &c. trustees, deforcients, of 16 messuages, a mill, 430 acres of land, 33 of meadow, 40 of wood, &c. with 70*s.* rent, the rent of 2 hens, and the eighth part of 550 acres of heath, in this town, *Hindringham, Sparham, Lyng,* &c. with the services of many persons; he farmed of King *Edward* III. the priory-manor of *Longueville; Dionysia* his widow, by her will, proved *August* 1, 1375, desires to be buried before the church door of the *Holy Trinity* of *Barsham;* bequeaths to *Edward Charles* her son, 100*s. per ann.* out of her manor of *Kessingland* in *Suffolk,* and to Sir *Robert Tye,* her son, the manor of *Hoo* in *Manewedon,* in the said county, in order to purchase the patronage of some church of the value of 20*l. per ann.* to appropriate it to the cathedral church of *Norwich,* to find two secular priests to celebrate for the souls of *John de Hoo,* and *Dionysia* his wife, *William* their son, and all the faithful.[s]

Sir *Robert,* son of Sir *Peter de Tye,* on his passage beyond sea, made his will at *Barsham,* in the 6th of *Richard* II. and desires his feoffees to enfeof his wife *Elizabeth,* of the manor of *Barsham* and advowson of *Kessingland,* with his lands in *Mutford,* and *Wangford* hundreds, for life, except the meadows called the park in *Barsham,* which he gives to *Robert Charles,* as it was ordained by feoffees; his manors of *Cretingham, Lenwade,* and *Titleshale,* his feoffees to take possession of, till *Dionysia* his daughter arrive to 14 years old, then to marry her, and give her 200 marks portion; the manors then to go to his son, or sons to be born, his wife being then with child; but if she shall have daughters, and no son, then the eldest daughter to have the manors of *Barsham,* and *Kessingland,* with *Lenwade* and *Titleshale,* and lands in *Norfolk. Laurence de Tye,* his brother, and Sir *John de Hoo,* his brother, Sir *Emery de Willington* his uncle, mentioned. The will of *Elizabeth,* relict of Sir *Robert,* proved 1385, *September* 25, wherein she bequeaths her body to be buried in *Barsham,* church, by her husband.

Sir *John de Hoo* abovementioned was prior of *Yarmouth.* Sir *Robert* bore *argent,* a bend between 6 cross crosslets, *sable.*

Sir *Robert de Tye,* son of Sir *Robert,* was lord in the 2d of *Henry* V. and soon after sold it to *Augustine Stratton,* Esq. Sir *Robert* dying on the 6th of *Oct.* 1415, was buried in the church of *Soterley* in *Suffolk,*

[s] Reg. Haydon. fol. 84.

as appears by his monument there,[6] in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*; and in the following year, Sir *John Heveningham, John Knepet, Edmund Oldhall*, Esq. &c. confirmed to *Augustine Stratton*, Esq. and *John Stratton*, citizen and mercer of *London*, their manor of *Weston*, which they purchased of Sir *Robert Tye*, on this condition, that if the said *Augustine*, &c. pay to *John Wilby*, master of the chantry of *Metingham*, and *John Norwich*, 100 marks, to take effect, otherwise not; by deed dated at *Weston, April* 5, in the 4th of *Henry* V.

John Stratton was lord of *Tyes-hall, Lyons*, and *Aldenhams*, in *Weston*, in the 8th of *Henry* VI. when they were settled on him and *Elizabeth* his wife, and their heirs, and sealed with argent, on a cross *sable*, 5 bezants; by *Elizabeth* his wife, (daughter, as I take it of Sir *Hugh* or *Andrew Lutterell*,) he had an only daughter who married *John Andrews* of *Baylsham* in *Suffolk*, son of *James Andrews*, Esq. by *Alice* his wife, daughter and heir of *John Weyland*, son of *William Weyland*.

In the 8th of *Edward* IV. *November* 8, *John Heydon*, feoffee of *John Stratton*, of *Weston*, Esq. grants to *John Andrews*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, the manor of *Weston*, and all the lands in *Helmingham, Morton, Ringland* and *Hokering*, which he had of the feofment of *John Stratton*, Esq. and *Elizabeth*, by deed dated *August* 4, in the 17th of *Henry* VI. *John Andrews*, by *Elizabeth* his wife, left 2 daughters and coheirs, *Elizabeth*, who married *Thomas Wyndsore*, Esq. of *Stanwell* in *Middlesex*, and *Anne*, the wife of Sir *John Sulyard* of *Wetherden*, in *Suffolk*, lord chief justice of *England*: between these two daughters, the estate of *Andrews* was divided.

In the 5th of *Henry* VII. *September* 12, *Dame Anne Sulyard*, late wife of Sir *John Sulyard, Robert Lytton*, Esq. of *Knebworth* in *Hertfordshire*, under treasurer of *England*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, late wife of *Thomas Wyndesore*, Esq. leased to *John Mills*, yeoman, their warren, games of conies, hares, feasants, &c. in *Weston, Tyes, Aldenham, Lion's* manors, &c. and in the 9th of *Henry* VII. *August* 8, the said *Dame Anne*, by the name then of *Dame Anne Bouchier*,[7] grants to *And. Sulyard*, her son and heir, (by Sir *John Sulyard*, she being his 2d. wife,) and to *Margaret London* of *Norwich*, widow, whom the said *Andrew* is to marry,[8] all her moiety in *Weston*, and all her lands in *Norfolk*, with all her cattle, and sheep in number 440, valued at 36*l.* to him and the heirs of his body, on his paying to her an 100 marks; and in the 15th of the said King, *November* 5, Sir *Robert Lytton* and *Dame Elizabeth* his wife, let to farm to *And. Sulyard* and *Margaret* his wife, their part and interest in the other moiety, and all their lands in *Morton, Lyng*, &c. in *Norfolk*.

Margaret London aforesaid, was widow of *William London*, Esq. and daughter and coheir of *Robert Lyston* of *Badingham* in *Suffolk*.

On *March* 10, in the 24th of *Henry* VIII. *And. Sulyard*, Esq. sold his moiety of *Weston Tyes, Lions*, and *Lanwade*, held of the manor of *Longvile*, to *Firmin Rookwood*, Esq. *Andrew* died *s. p.* in the 30th of *Henry* VIII. and was buried at *Wetherden* in *Suffolk*, where his father

[6] Hervey's Collect. of Funeral Mon. Mss.

[7] She was then the wife of Sir Henry Bouchier, 5th son of Henry Earl of Essex.

[8] Andrew's 2d wife, was Dame Mary Timperley, and died in 1546, buried in St. Steph. church at Norwich, relict of Sir John Timperley.

and mother, and first wife lay[9]; he was esquire of the body to the Lady *Mary*, daughter of King *Henry* VIII.

Sir *And. Wynsore*, Knt. Lord *Wyndesore*, by his deed dated *November* 30, in the 27th of *Henry* VIII. confirmed to *Edward* his son, the moiety of the wards and his manors, in *Weston*, and sealed with a buck's head, cabos'd. After this, *Windsore's* moiety came also to the said *Firmin*.

Firmins Rookwood is said to have built the hall of *Weston*, and was 3d son of *Edmund Rookwood*, (son of *Roger Rookwood*,) of *Euston* in *Suffolk*, by *Alice* his wife, daughter of *William London*, wife afterwards of Sir *Thomas Bedingfield* of *Oxburgh*, and of the Lord *Burgh*; her sister and coheir, *Margaret*, married Sir *Edward Clere*.

On an inquisition taken at *Norwich April* 10, in the 1st of *Elizabeth*, he was found to die *November* 19, last past, seized of the manors of *Ties-hall*, *Lions*, *Lenwade*, and *Aldenham's*, and to have left by *Thomasine*,[9] his 2d wife, *William*, son and heir, aged 27. He had to his 1st wife, *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of Sir *John Timperley* and *Jane* his wife, natural daughter of the first Duke of *Norfolk*, and some pedigrees make *William Rookwood*, son and heir of *Firmin*, to be by this wife. This family of *Rookwood* descended from *John Rokewode*, who was eschaetor of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, in the 49th of *Edward* III. and was living at *Euston* in *Suffolk*, in the 10th of *Richard* II.

William Rookwood was collector to *Henry* Bishop of *Norwich*, in 1381, and eschaetor in the 1st of *Henry* V.

Roger Rookwood, of *Euston*, died in or about 1479, *Alice* his wife in 1482; *Nicholas Rookwood* was chief prothonotary of the Common Pleas in the 32d of *Henry* VIII.

William Rookwood, Esq. lord of *Weston*, married *Frances*, daughter of *Robert Holditch* of *Ranworth*, Esq. by whom he had *William*, his son and heir, and by *Margaret* his wife, daughter of *Henry Doyley* of *Shotesham*, was father of *Henry Rookwood*, Esq. of *Weston*. By the marriage articles, between *Firmin Rookwood* and *Robert Holditch*, it was agreed that the marriage of *William*, son of *Firmin*, and *Frances*, daughter of *Robert*, should be at *Ranworth*, and the charges born by *Robert*, except one hogshead of wine to be bought by *Firmin*, who was to pay for *William's* apparel, by the advice of the right honourable the Lady *Burgh*; and *Robert Holditch* was to lay out 20 marks in apparel for his daughter *Frances*, by the said lady's advice; *Robert* was to give them their board for one year, and *Firmin* the next year's board, the portion to be 180*l*.—Dated *March* 10, *A°*. 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*.

William Rookwood, senior, Esq. was lord in the 20th of *Elizabeth*, and in the 22d of that Queen, he and *Alice* (then his wife) entered into covenants on the marriage of his son *William*, with *Margaret*, daughter of *Henry Doyly*; who was to pay 600 marks as a portion for his daughter: this *William* was living in the 4th of *James* the first, and was father of *Henry Rookwood*, Esq. of *Weston*, who married in the said year, *Susan*, daughter of *Anthony Drury*, Esq. of *Besthorp* in *Norfolk*. He was living in 1647, and had by *Margaret* his wife, daughter of *Charles Suckling* of *Wotton* in *Norfolk*, *Henry*, his son and heir, who died unmarried, *October* 11, 1718, and was buried in

[9] Thomasine his wife was living in the 3d and 4th of Philip and Mary.

Weston church, to that *Thomas* his brother was his heir, and by *Mary*, daughter of *George Thurlow* of *Hetherset*, was father of *William Rookwood*, Esq. lord in 1720; after this it was conveyed to *John Custance*, Esq. alderman of *Norwich*, in 1726.

ALDENHAM'S MANOR AND LENWADE'S

In the 40th of *Ed.* III. *Isabel*, daughter of *William Ode* of *Wetson*, late citizen of *Norwich*, confirmed to *John de Derby*, rector of *Weston*, &c. a messuage there formerly *John Aldenham's*, with lands, &c.

This afterwards came to *John de Stratton*, and continued in the lords of *Tye-hall*, till *William Rookwood*, senior, and *William*, his son, sold it in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, to *Robert Rose* or *Ross*, but in the 3d of *James* I. *Robert Rose*, in consideration of 466*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* sold to *Thomas Southwell*, sen. his heath and sheep-walk, called *Aldenham's*.

Lonwade seems to have been an hamlet to *Weston*, and to have given name to the bridge there, over the river.

Adam, son of *Herman de Lonwade*, confirmed by deed *sans date*, to *John*, his nephew, lands in *Lenwade*.

In the 30th of *Edward* I. a fine was levied between *John de Lenwade*, and *Margaret*, querents, *W. de Repps*, &c. of messuages, and lands here, in *Sparham*, *Wichingham*, &c. this in old writings is called a manor, and was held of the lordship of *Longvile*, and came also to the lords of *Tye-hall*, and so to *Rookwood*.

Edmund de Lonwade, in the 3d of *Edward* III. settled by fine on himself for life, a messuage, 70 acres of land, 6 of meadow, 2 of marsh, and 32*s.* rent in *Weston*, and *Wichingham*, remainder to *Peter Atte Tye* and his heirs, from whom it came, as in *Tye-hall*, to *Stretton*, and *Rookwood*.

LYONS MANOR.

Ralph de Lions, and *William de Lions* were lords, and mentioned in the grant of *Walter Giffard*, the 2d Earl of *Buckingham*.

Adam de Lyons of *Weston* was living in the 24th of *Henry* III. and acknowledged to do service for half a fee to *William de Englefield*, for his lands in *Weston*, and *Helmingham*: *Jeffrey de Lyons*, and *Thomas*, son of *Henry de Lyons*, in the 32d of *Edward* I.

Hugh de Stanford settled by fine on *Adam de Lyons*, in the 8th of *Edward* II. 7 messuages, a mill, 120 acres of land, 30 of meadow, and 40*s.* rent in *Weston*, *Helmingham*, and *Ringland*, for his life, remainder to *Ernald de Lyons* his son, and *Alice* his wife in tail.

Adam, son of *Ernald*, released in the 21st of *Edward* III. to Sir *Peter de Tye*, and *Dionysia* his wife, lands here, and sealed with a lion rampant.

By a deed dated at *Rollesby*, in the 15th of *Richard* II. on *Thursday* next after the feast of the annunciation of the blessed *Virgin*, *Nicholas*, son of *Arnald Lyons* of *Weston*, parson of *Rollesby*, reciting, that whereas *Will. Lyons* of *Flytcham*, had infeoffed *John Stanford* &c. in his manor of *Weston Lyons* in *Weston*, *Helmingham*, *Moreton*, which where the said *Arnald Lyons*, *Nicholas* released his right in the same.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Walter de Middleton* held here the 4th part

of a fee, of the heirs of *Arnald de Lyons*, and he of the Earl of *March*; and in the 10th of that King *William de Snetesham* conveyed it to Sir *John de Ingaldesthorp*. After this it came to *Stratton* and *Rookwood*.

Alan Earl of *Richmond* had 20 socmen, who held one carucate of land, and 16 borderers, in the reign of the Confessor; there were among all these 8 carucates and 4 acres of meadow, and these socmen were valued in *Alan's* manor of *Costesey* or *Cossey*. The soc was in the King's manor of *Folsham*, and on *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk's*, rebellion, the Conqueror gave it to *Alan*.[1]

In the reign of *Henry* III. *Adam de Lions* and his tenants held lands by knight's service here, and *John de Veutry*, the moiety of a quarter of a fee of the manor of *Linge*, and did ward for the same to the castle of *Richmond*.

Robert Vincent of *Marlingford*, confirmed in the 42d of *Edward* III. to *John*, son of *Thomas de Weston*, and *Thomas*, son of *John*, a messuage, and 12 pieces of arable land. In the 19th of *Richard* II. *Martin de Taverham* confirmed to *Margaret Stratton*, late wife of *Thomas de Weston*, all the lands, tenements, rents, services, &c. in *Weston*, and *Helmingham* for the life of the said *Margaret*, remainder to the right heirs of *Thomas de Weston*.

In the eschaet rolls of the 12th year of *Edward* IV. it appears that *Margaret*, sister and heir of Sir *Thomas Tudenham*, relict of *Edmund Bedingfield*, Esq. of *Oxburgh*, died seized of a manor called *Asgat's* in *Weston*, and had also an interest in the lordships of *Ties-hall* and *Aldenham's*, all which seem to have come to the *Rookwoods*: see in *Helmingham*.

Odo Bishop of *Baieaux* had a small fee here as a beruite to *Snetesham*, 50 acres of land, and 20 acres held in King *Edward's* time by 6 borderers, and valued in *Snetesham*.[2]

This with another small tenure held by *Hacon*, at the survey, who had one socman, with 16 acres of land, and half a carucate, valued at the survey at 11*s*.[3] and came afterwards to the *Rookwoods*, &c.

The tenths were 4*l*. 14*s*. 2*d*.—Deducted 16*s*.

Weyland bore, *argent*, on a cross, *gules*, five escallops, *or*.—*Andrews*, *argent*, on a bend between two bendlets *sable*, three mullets, *or*.—*Sulyard*, *argent*, a chevron, *gules*, between three phœons, *sable*.—*Lutterell*, *or*, a bend, between six martlets, *sable*:—*Windsor*, *gules*, a saltire between twelve cross crosslets, *or*.—*Rookwood*, *argent*, three chessrooks, and a chief, *sable*.—*Holditch*, *azure*, on a chevron *or*, three magpies proper.

The Church is a rectory, dedicated to *All-Saints*, the ancient valor was 40 marks, the present valor is 8*l*. 18*s*. 0*d*. it paid *Peter*-pence 18*d*. and the prior of *Longuevile* had the patronage, and a portion of 6 marks *per ann*. now paid by the rector to New College in *Oxford*, and was for the tithe of *Giffard's* demean lands, granted by him.

[1] Terre Alani Comitis.—In Westuna xx. soc. i car. tre. et xvi bord. int. om's T R. E. viii car p'. et m°. v et iii ac. pti. et sunt isti soc. in p'tio. de Costesei. Soca in Folsha' Regis T.R.E. m°. tenet A. quia tenuit Rad. Comes.

[2] Tre. Epi. Baiccens's—In Westuna, ten. Stiga'd. T.R.E. i beruita L. ac. tre et xx ac. semp. vi bord. sep. dim. car. et e. in ptio de Snetesham.

[3] Terra Hagonis—Et in Westuna, i soc. xvi ac. tre. sep. dim. car. et val. ii sol.

In the 1st of *Edward* I. *Reginald de Sprouston*, and *Theophania* his wife, released their right in the patronage to the prior of *Longuevile*.

The church has a nave and 2 isles, with a chancel, and a tower with 5 bells.

In the middle isle a gravestone,

In memory of Wm. Lamb, Gent: who died Sept. 27, 1666.

On one, with an effigies in brass,

Of your charity pray for the sowle of Elizabeth, late wife of Firmin Rookwood, Esq; daughter and heir of Sir John Timperley, Kt. who died May 13, 1533.

Another,

In memory of Margaret wife of Hen. Rookwood, who died Janu. 19, 1691, *aged* 79 *years*—*Here lyeth the body of Hen. Rookwood, the elder, Esq; who died April* 16, 1659,—*Infra deponitur corpus Jerningamiæ, uxoris charissimæ Gulielmi Rookwood, Generosi, incorporea anima tollitur in excelsis, ob.* 22°. *Decemb.* 1668, *Ætat.* 44.—*Hen. son of Wm. Rookwood dyed Nov.* 12, 1656.

In the chancel window, *Tye*, impaling *sable*, a bend engrailed, *argent*, cottised, *or*.

The temporalities of *West Derham* abbey, were 36*s.* 8*d.*—of *Norwich* priory 11*s.* 2*d.*—of *Ely* priory 5*s.*—of *Hickling* 12*d.*—of St. *Faith's* 6*s.*

Lands lately belonging to *West Derham* abbey, granted *April* 4 in the 24th of *Elizabeth*, to *Theoph. Adams* and *James Woodshawe*, valued at 55*s. per ann.*

In King *Henry* the Third's reign the King was patron and Mr. *Simon Thanet* was rector.

RECTORS.

Ralph de Walpole, occurs rector about 1290.

1329, *Roger de Gildesburgh*, presented by the proctor of the prior, &c. of *Longville*.

1333, *Thomas de Brinton*. *Ditto*.

William Plugge.

1359, *John de Derby*, by the King; the temporalities of *Longeville*, in the King's hands; he exchanged it for the archdeaconry of *Barnstable*.

1369, *Peter Horseman*, by Sir *Nicholas Tamworth*.

1374, *John de Kendal*, by the King.

1397, *John de Middleton*. *Ditto*.

1440, *Simon Thornham*, LL. B. by Sir *Ralph de Rochford*.

1458, *Robert Popy*, in decret. bacc. by the master, &c. of St. *Mary* of *Winchester's* college in *Oxford*.

1471, *John Fermour*, A. M. *Ditto*.

1477, *William Holden*. *Ditto*.

Richard Skypton.

1485, *John Wodeward*. *Ditto*.

1511, *William Bower*. *Ditto*.

1543, *Roger Hardy*, A. M. *Ditto*.

1556, *William Smithe*. *Ditto*.

1559, *Henry Cornwallys*. *Ditto*.

1577, *Christopher England*, by the master, &c.
1631, *John Moorse*. *Ditto*.
1654, *John Sheffield*. *Ditto*.
1715, *Philip Smith*. *Ditto*.
1733, *Gloster Ridley*. *Ditto*.

Here were the guilds of *All-Saints*, St. *Mary*, and St. *John* Baptist; the image of St. *Thomas* the Martyr, and St. *Mary's* light.

WHITWELL.

RALPH, son of *Ivo*, was principal lord of this town, of which *Ketel*, a freeman, was deprived at the conquest: it consisted of 2 carucates and 15 acres of land, and 8 villains, 17 borderers and 4 servi, with 2 carucates in demean, 6 carucates among the tenants, 14 acres of meadow, &c. 3 mills, the moiety of a fishery, when *Ivo* entered on it, 2 runci, 6 cows, 80 swine, 50 sheep, 20 goats, and 6 skeps of bees. Two freemen had also half a carucate of land, with 3 acres of meadow, and 2 freemen one carucate of land, a carucate and 2 acres of meadow, with paunage for 5 swine; it was valued at 4*l. per ann.* but at the survey at 6*l.* and 16*d.* and these 2 freemen at 6*s.*; it was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, paid 5*d.* gelt, when the hundred was taxed at 20*s.*[*]

WHITWELL, ALIAS GAMBON'S MANOR.

In the 12th of King *John*, a fine was levied between *Philip de Gyney*, of a mill in *Whitwell*, which *Maud de Gyney*, mother of *William*, held in dower, whereby it was granted to *Will.* and *Maud*, and the heirs of *Will.* who granted license to *Philip*, and his brother *Frary*, to build a mill in *Hackford*, with a watercourse to it, through the land of the said *William* in *Hackford*, and *Witewell*, of the breadth of six, and 5 feet deep. And by a deed, *sans* date, *William de Gyney* confirmed to his brother *Roger*, the grant which the lady his mother had given him of an acre of land, with a messuage, late *Ralph's*, by the chapel of St. *Nicholas* in *Whitwell*, to be held of the said lady during her life, and after of him.

[*] Terra Rainaldi filii Ivonis ——— Witewella tenet i lib. ho. T. R. E. ii car. t're. et xv ac. p. nun. tc. et p. viii vill. mo. vii sep. xvii bor. tc. i p. iii s. mo. ii sep. ii car. in d'nio. tc. et p. vi car. ho'um p. et mo. iiii et xiiii ac. p'ti. silv. lxxx por. iii mol. mo. ii et dim. prisc. qu'. rece. ii r. mo. i vi an. tc. lxxx por. mo. xxxiiii tc. l ovs. mo. lx. sep. xx cap. tc. vi vasa apu'. mo. xii et ii libi. ho'es. dim. car. t're. tc. et p. i car. et dim. mo. i et iii ac p'ti et ii libi. ho'es dim. car. t're. sep. i car. et ii ac. p'ti. silv. v por tc val. iiii lib. mo. vi lib. et xvi*d.* Isti ii libi. ho'es. val. vi sol. et ht. i leug. in long et dim. in lat. et redd. v*d.* in geldu' de hundret. de xxs.

In the 34th of *Henry* III. *William de Whitwell* impleaded *Walter Ingham* for 2 carucates of land in this town, *Refham*, &c. and in 1260, presented to the church of *Skeyton*, which came to him by he marriage of *Clarice*, or *Catherine*, daughter and coheir of *Hugh de Skeyton*.

Richer de Whitwell was living in the 46th of that King, and had a lordship here. *William*, son and heir of *Richer*, paid relief in the 51st of that reign, for all his father's land; and *Richer*, son of *William de Witwell*, gave in the reign of *Edward* I. lands here, to *Walsingham* priory. *Reg. Wals. fol.* 102.

Sir *William de Quitwell* died lord in the 22d year of *Edward* I. seized of a manor here, (and of *Skeyton* and *Runhall*,) without issue; and *John* was his brother and heir, aged 40, and lord of *Winterborn Kingston*, in *Dorsetshire*; this *John* died in the 26th of the said King, seized of this manor, held of the honour of *Gloucester*, by the moiety of one fee, valued at 11*l.* 12*s. per ann.* and *William* was his son and heir.

In the 8th of *Edward* II. *William de Whitwell* held half a fee of the honour of *Gloucester*, and *Roger Gyney* 4 fees here, &c. of the said honour, as appears by the escheat rolls. *William de Whitwell*, and *Catherine* his wife, were living in the 18th of *Edward* II.; and in the 12th of *Edward* III. *Nicholas de Hederset*, as trustee, settled on *William* and *Catherine*, and their heirs, this lordship, with 3 messuages, 22 acres of land, 3 of meadow, 5 of pasture, and 44*s.* rent in *Hackford*, *Alderford*, &c. the said *William* was living in the 20th of that King, and father of *Simon de Whitwell*, who presented to the church of *Skeyton* in 1367: by his daughter and coheir, *Cecily*, it came to *William Gambon*, Esq. who was lord in 1378 and 1396; *Richard* their son died young, and had a son, *Richard*, who dying *sans* issue, *John* his brother, succeeded, and died possessed of it in 1432, leaving *Ellen* his wife in possession of it for life; then it came to *Robert Sterne*, Esq. lord *ao.* 22 *Henry* VI. son of *Joan*, (sister and heir of *John*,) by her husband, ——— *Sterne*; and *Thomas*, son of *Robert*, and *Margaret* his wife, dying without issue, *July* 3, in the first year of *Edward* IV. left *Henry*, his brother and heir, at whose death, in the 13th of that King, *Henry* his son was a minor, aged 4 years; on his death he was succeeded by *Simon Sterne*, who occurs lord in 1548, and in the 4th and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary*, sold it to *Thomas* and *Robert*[s] *Coke*, Gent. 2 brothers; *Thomas* dying, *Robert* held it during the minority of *George*, son and heir of *Thomas*; this *George* held his first court in *October*, the 18th of *Elizabeth*, and gave it in the 7th of *James* I. to *Augustine Messenger*, Gent. his brother-in-law, by *Joan*, the widow of *Thomas Coke*, who remarried *Henry Messenger*.

Roger Messenger, Gent. held his first court in the 3d of King *Charles* I. and in the 9th of that King, *Augustine Messenger*, Gent. and *John Bendish*, Gent. were guardians to *Augustine Messenger*, a minor, and held a court in 1659; this *Augustine* married *Susan*, daughter of *Charles Prettyman*, Gent. of *Bacton* in *Suffolk*.

By an inquisition taken *October* 4, in the 2d of *Charles* I. before *William Leek*, Esq. on the death of *Augustine Messenger*, who died *June* 10, in the said year, *Roger* was found his son and heir, aged 24,

[s] Robert was a lawyer of Lincoln's Inn.

who dying without issue, was succeeded by *Augustine* his brother, who on his death in 1650, left *Augustine* his son and heir, who living a bachelor, left it on his decease, in 1680, to *Robert Monsey*, clerk, son of *Thomas Monsey* of *Hackford*, by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter and coheir of *Thomas Messenger*, Gent.

Robert, by *Mary*, his 2d wife, daughter of *Roger Clopton*, clerk, rector of *Downham*, in the Isle, had *Messenger Monsey*, M. D. physician of *Chelsea* college, now living.

Whitwell bore *gules*, a cross, patonce, *argent*, ——— *Messenger*, vert, a bend, voided, and ingrailed, *argent*, ——— *Gambon*, *azure*, a fess, between three eagles legs, couped at the thigh, *or*.

ROSS'S MANOR.

The part of *Whitwell*, which constituted this lordship, was a beruite to *Causton*, and held by *Harold* in King *Edward's* days, and after when King of *England*; on his death, the Conqueror possessed it, containing one carucate of land; and 10 borderers, one carucate in demean, one among the tenants, &c. five acres of meadow, and was valued in *Causton*.[6]

This lordship was held of the family of *de Vaux*; *Hugh de Vaux* conveyed it by fine, to *Adam*, prior of *Castleacre*,[7] before *Henry de Bath*, *John de Gatesden*, &c. the King's justices, with 15*s. per ann. ao.* 35 *Henry* III. out of a mill here.

In the 11th of *Edward* I. on the death of Sir *John de Vaux*, it came to *Robert* Lord *Roos*, and *Maud* his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir *John*, and from the family of the Lord *Roos*, by marriage, to the family of *Manners*, afterwards Earls of *Rutland*, &c.

The inhabitants of this manor in the 26th of *Richard* II. claimed a freedom from toll, as ancient demean of the Crown.

Henry Earl of *Rutland* conveyed by fine, in the 33d of *Henry* VIII. this lordship to *Ralph Symonds*, Esq. and *Elizabeth*, his widow, held her first court in the 4 and 5 of *Philip* and *Mary*; *Ralph* was descended from *John Symonds*, Gent. of *Suffield* in *Norfolk*, father of *John Symonds* of *Cley* by the *Sea*, who died *July* 24, 1492, and had by *Anne* his wife, *John* his son and heir, who died *January* 14, and left by *Anne* his wife, who died *May* 31, 1512, *Ralph* abovementioned, who died *February* 2, 1557, and by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *William Bishop* of *Great Yarmouth*, was father of *Gyles Symonds*, who by *Catherine* his wife, daughter of Sir *Anthony Lee* of *Burston* in *Bucks*, had *Ralph*, who married *Anne*, daughter of *Jeffrey Cobb* of *Sandringham*, Esq. and kept his first court in the 39th of *Elizabeth*, and was father of *John Symonds*, Esq. who kept his first court in the first year of *Charles* I. and left by *Anne* his wife, daughter of ——— *Toothby* of *Lincolnshire*: *Gyles*, his son and heir, who sold it to *Augustine Messenger*, Gent. in *September*, 1678, who gave it to *Robert Monsey*, clerk, lord of this manor, and that of *Gambon's* in 1707.

[6] Terra Regis——In Witewella i beruita que jacet in Caustuna ten. Herald. T. R. E. i car. t're. tc. x bor. mo. vii sep. i car. in d'nio. tc. i car. hou'. mo. null. silva xx por. et v ac. p'ti. et e. in p'tio. de Castona.

[7] Reg. Castle. fol. 51.

The tenths of this town were 4*l.* 10*s.* 6*d.* Deducted 12*s.* The temporalities of *Pentney*, 12*d.* Spiritualities of St. *Faith's*, 10*s.* Of *Stoke* college 1 mark.

The CHURCH of *Whitwell* is dedicated to St. *Michael*, and was a rectory, but being granted by Sir *John de Vaux*, son of Sir *Oliver*, to the priory of *Pentney*, with one acre of land, was appropriated to it by *Roger* Bishop of *Norwich*, on the first of *August*, 1256, and a vicarage was ordained; the present valor of which, is 7*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* The valor of the rectory was 15 marks. The church is leaded, has a square tower, with 5 bells, and a clock, and a chancel covered with lead.

VICARS.

1321, *John Makehayt* instituted vicar, nominated by the Bishop of *Norw.* presented by the prior, &c. of *Pentney*.
1345, *Thomas Stutevill*, collated by the Bishop, a lapse.
1349, *Thomas Martyn*, nominated by the Bishop, presented by the prior.
1375, *John Benjamin*. *Ditto*.
1413, *William Fitz-Piers*. *Ditto*.
1415, *William Symond*.
William de Spanley, vicar.
1423, *John Skot*.
1441, *Simon Friskney*.
John Bytham, vicar.
1477, *Edmund Glydrow*.
1492, *John Robinson*.
1493, *Robert Northern*.
William Stalworthy, vicar.
1525, *Henry Danyel*.
1541, *John Warner*, by the King.
1542, *Christopher Lockwood*, by the King.
In his 35th year, King *Henry* VIII. on *December* 3, granted to *Robert* and *Gyles Townsend*, Esq. this impropriated rectory, lately belonging to *Pentney* priory, with the advowson of the vicarage; and license was granted to *Robert Townsend*, Esq. in the said year, to alienate it to *Robert Cooke*, and *Winefride* his wife, who soon after alienated it to *Thomas Bayfeld*, in trust; and on *April* 18, in the said year, by indenture tripartite, betwixt *Robert Coke*, owner of the fee simple, of the parish church of *Whitwell*, and *Christopher Lokwod*, clerk, parson of *Hackford*, and vicar of *Whitwell*, of the 2d part, and *Thomas Bayfeld*, *William Brese*, &c. of *Hackford*, very and undoubted patrons of the vicarage of *Whitwell*, on the 3d part, witnesseth that as the church of *Hackford*, and the chancel, with all the church goods, ornaments and jewels, and most part of the houses in *Hackford*, were burnt by misfortune, the said church was consolidated to that of *Whitwell*, by *William*, Bishop of *Norwich*, all parties consenting.
William Colleson, vicar.
1601, *William Dawson*, by Sir *Christopher Heydon*.
1602, *Robert Lambkyn*.
1617, *William Quelch*.

LONGUEVILE MANOR.

WALTER GIFFARD, the second Earl of *Bucks*, confirmed to the monks of St. *Faith's* of *Longuevile* in *Normandy*, the grant of his father, and all that he possessed in *Wichingham* (excepting the fees of *William* and *Ralph de Lions*, and *Botery*) together with the church of St. *Mary* and all its appertenances, with the tithe of his demean, also the church of St. *Faith's* in the said village, with all its appertenances, and the fisheries, &c. witnesses, *Roger* Earl of *Clare*, *Richard* his brother, *Hugh de Bolebec*, *Ralph de Langetot*, alias *Giffard*, *Hugh de Newers*, *William de Redeham*, *Godfrey Botery*, &c.

In the 19th of *Edward* II. *Philip*, the prior of *Longuevile*, and the convent of the order of *Cluny* and diocese of *Roan*, confirmed to *John de Dalling*, citizen and mercer of *London*, and *Joan* his wife, a messuage and 7 acres of arable land: the convent's seal to this is broke off, but that of the prior remains, which is oblong, of blue wax, with his impress or figure, in his robes, standing upright; the legend, *Sigill. Secret. Sce. Fidis de Longavile.* After this, in the *French* wars King *Edward* III. seized on the temporalities of this priory, as an alien, and in the reign of *Richard* II. Sir *Gilbert Talbot* of *Wuddeley* in *Berkshire* farmed all the lands of this priory in *England* of the King, and Sir *Ralph Rochford* in the 9th of *Henry* VI. at this time the temporalities of the priory in this town were taxed at 10*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*

In 1440, King *Henry* VI. granted this lordship to New College in *Oxford*, at the instance and request of *Thomas Bekington* Bishop of *Bath* and *Wells*, who in the college evidences is styled, *Tho. Wellensis Episc. Collegii, Sustentator præcipuus.*

The college and their tenants, plead great privileges, granted and confirmed by the Kings of *England*, viz.—Discharged from toll in fairs and markets where it belonged to the King, or granted from the Crown, since the 2d year of *Richard* II.—Discharged from all duties of carriage, and of bridges; and for landing any thing on the King's keys or wharfs, or for shipping any thing, from them; from lastage, &c. and a discharge from all suits and services of the King's hundred courts, wepentakes, letes, &c.

This manor is still in new college. *Oliver Le Neve*, Esq. held it by lease in 1680, &c.

WYCHINGHAM'S MANOR.

In the first of King *John*, *William de Bellomonte* and *Muriel* his wife conveyed by fine to *Gilbert de Langtot*, the service of two knights fees, and the third part of one in this town *Saxlingham*, *Byntre*, *Ikeburgh*, &c. and *Sara de Wychingham* was found in the 31st of *Henry* III. to hold the fourth part of a fee here of *Robert Langtoft*, he of the Earl *Gloucester*, and the Earl of the King; she was then the widow of *Walter de Wichingham*, descended of an ancient family who had soon after the conquest an interest here. *William*, son of *Wycher de Wychyngham*, was living in the reign of King *Stephen*, and *Roger de Wychingham* was father of *Walter* aforesaid, whose son *Walter* was

living in the 53d of *Henry* III. when *Robert de Newton*, sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, received 10*s.* 8*d.* of him to excuse him from being a knight; and the said *Walter* was lord and kept a court in the 7th of *Edward* I.[4]—*Roger*, son of *Walter*, was living in the said reign, and granted messuages, lands, &c. to *Sarah*, widow of *Walter*.

Sir *William de Wychingham*, son of *Richard de Wichingham*, was lord in the 33d of *Edward* III.; he was bred to the law, of which he was a serjeant, and a judge of the Common-pleas in 1363; by his will proved *March* 25, 1381, he was buried in the south isle of *Wichingham* St. *Mary's* church, which he had built; gives legacies to *Margaret* his wife,[5] to *Richer*, *Nicholas*, and *William*, his sons, and to *William Caley* and *Dionysia* his wife, who was his daughter.

Of this family was Sir *Geffery Wichyngham*,[6] lord mayor of *London* in 1346, who with the justices, *Robert de Sadyngton*, *William de Thorp*, and *William Trussell* was to enquire into the escapes of *John de Graham* Earl of *Monteith*, and *Duncan* Earl of *Fyfe*, *Scotch* nobelmen, prisoners in *England*, and bore for his arms, as Sir *William* did, *ermine*, on a chief, *sable*, three crosses pattée, *or*.—Also *Hugh de Wychingham*, brother of Sir *Geffrey*, a merchant of *London*, who was appointed by patent in the 30th of *Edward* III. exchanger and assayer of the mint, which office was held before by *Henry de Brisle*, a *Norfolk* man.

Richer, eldest son of Sir *William*, married *Alice*, and died *sans issue*, he was buried according to his will, dated in 1384, in the church aforesaid, and proved *November* 10, following.

Nicholas de Wychingham succeeded his brother *Richer*, and married first, *Alice*, daughter of *Roger Flete*, citizen and draper of *London*, and was seized in her right of the manor of *Totham Parva*, in *Essex*, by whom he had *William*, his son and heir, *Alice*, married to Sir *Roger Harsike* of *Southacre*, and *Margery* to Sir *Robert Tudenham* of *Oxburgh*; his 2d wife was *Joan*, by whom he had *Edmund* of *Woodrising* in *Norfolk*, who married *Alice*, daughter and heir of Sir *John Falstolf* of *Fishley*, by whom he had 4 daughters and coheirs; *Amy*, who, married *Richard Southwell* of *Wood-Rising*, Esq. *Frances*, to Sir *William Mull* of *Harscomb* in *Gloucestershire*, *Joan* to *Robert Longstrather*, and after to *Robert Boys*, of *Honing* in *Norfolk*, and *Elizabeth* to *William Bardwell*, Esq. of *West Herling*.

The will of *Nicholas* is dated at *Wood-Rising* in 1480, and he was buried before the high cross, (by his first wife,) in the church of St. *Mary* of *Wichingham*; gives legacies to that church, and those of St. *Faith's* in *Wichingham*, *Alderford*, *Whitwell*, *Hankford*, *Salthous*, *Geyst*, *Wood-Rysing*, *Sotherton*, and *Antingham*, where he had lordships or lands;[7] to *Edmund*, his son, the manors of *Wood-Rysing*, *Salthouse*, and *Kelling*, with that of *Geyst*, paying an annuity of 8 marks to *William Wichingham* (brother of *Robert*) his grandson; to *Joan* his wife, the manor of *Antingham*, who was his executrix, and proved his will in 1483, and dying in 1459, was buried in the church of the *Friars-preachers* of *Norwich*.[8]

William, eldest son of *Nicholas* aforesaid, married, and left *Robert*,

[4] Reg. de Hulmo. p. 49.

[5] Margaret, widow of Sir Wm. was living in the 3d of Hen. IV. and held the manor of La Vile, in Fishley, Walsham hund. See there.

[6] Geffrey, in a deed dated A°. 16 Edw. III. styles himself Le Tableter.

[8] Reg. Surflete, pt. 2. fol. 138.

[7] Reg Bresyard, Nor.

his son, and heir to his grandfather *Nicholas*, his father *William* dying before him; his said grandfather left by will to the said *Robert*, the manor of *Thorp*-hall, in *Hackford*, with lands, rents and services in *Wichingham* St. *Faith's*, *Swanington*, *Alderford*, *Weston*, *Brandeston*, *Attlebrigg*, *Kerdeston*, *Refham*, *Whitwell*, &c.

Robert de Wychingham, Esq. married *Agnes*, daughter and heir of *Robert Walton*, Esq. by whom he had *John*, his son and heir, and died in the 29th of *Henry* VI. *Agnes* his widow remarried *James Arblaster*, Esq. This *John* died in the 3d of *Henry* VII. lord also of *Fishle Burgh*-hall, and *Reedham Park*-hall, and left *John*, his son and heir, who by *Ann* his wife, daughter of *Thomas Brampton*, Esq. of *Brampton* in *Norfolk*, left 3 daughters and coheirs; *Thomasine*, aged 10 years, *Elizabeth* 5, and *Oliva* 4; as appears from the eschaet rolls in the 21st of *Henry* VII. *Ann* survived him, and in th 24th of *Henry* VIII. was the relict of *Thomas Garnish*.

Thomasyne married ——— *Leak*, and in the 38th of *Henry* VIII. *May* 16, by the name of *Thomasyne Leak*, sold all her right in this lordship to *George Horseman*, Esq. *Elizabeth* married *Christopher Coot* of *Blow-Norton*, Esq. and *Oliva* to ——— *Rookwood*, who conveyed also their interest herein to their sister *Thomasine*, or to *Horsman*, who was lord of this manor: and in the 38th of that King granted off a parcel of the demeans, and made it copyhold, as appears from a court roll, "*Dominus de suâ prudentiâ propriâ, in incrementum et augmen-*"*tationem, redditus sui p. curiam suam concessit, extra manus suas* "*Henrico Frances heredibus et assignatis suis, ad voluntatem Domini,* "*&c.*"

On *October* 14, in the 14th of *Elizabeth*, Sir *Christopher Haydon* paid his fine for entering on this manor, held of the honour of *Glouces-ter* and *Clare*, which he had lately bought of *Henry Horseman*, son of *George*; and Sir *Christopher* conveyed it in the 18th of that Queen, to *Christopher Layer*, alderman of *Norwich*, and on his death, *June* 19, 1600, *Thomas Layer*, son of *Augustine*, son and heir of *Christopher*, was found to be his cousin and heir.

In 1649, *October* 2, *Christopher Layer* of *Boton* in *Norfolk*, and *Susan* his wife, and *Thomas Layer* of *Beccles*, Esq. sold it to *Oliver Le Neve*, Esq. who bought the letes (of Mr. *Hunt*, lord of the hundred) of *Wichingham Magna* and *Parva*.

John Norris, Esq. of *Witton*, bought privily the reversion of this estate of *John Neve*, a blacksmith of *London*, *Oliver* having no sons, and it being entailed, came to his brother, *Peter Le Neve*, Esq. Norroy, who died *s. p.* so that the heirs of *Norris* now possess it in the right of the said reversion thus purchased, as is said.

Peter Le Neve, Esq. brother of *Oliver*, was Norroy King at Arms, sent with the ensigns of the noble order of the Garter, by King *George* the First, to his brother, Prince ———, Bishop of *Osnaburgh* in *Germany*; a gentleman eminent for his judgment and skill in all parts of history and antiquity, and particularly in heraldry, a collector and purchaser of many ancient and valuable *MSS.* and records; of indefatigable pains and industry, in the study of those that related to this county, as his collections that he left sufficiently testify.

He was educated at *Merchant-Taylors* School in *London*.

MIDDLETON'S MANOR.

Sir Jeffrey de Muthorp, Knt. granted to *Walter*, son of *William de Middleton*, for 200 marks of silver, all his manor in *Witchingham*, by *Refham*, with the appertenances, parks, fisheries, foldages, &c. by deed *sans date*—witnesses, Sir *William de Kerdeston*, Sir *William Gyney*, Sir *Robert Baynard*, &c. and *Walter de Middleton*, and *William* his son, were witnesses to the deed in the reign of *Edward* I.

William de Middleton, in the 4th of *Edward* I. was one the keepers of the tallages assigned on the *Jews*, and *custos brevium* of the Common-pleas, and held this lordship of the honour of *Gloucester* and *Clare*. *Walter de Middleton* was an eminent lawyer, *attornatus* in *Banco Regis*, retained by *Thomas*, abbot of *Bury*, as their standing council, by pension of 13*s.* 4*d. per ann.* about 1310.

In the 28th of *Edward* I. *Walter de Middleton* and *Maud* his wife purchased by fine of *Simon de Kelling*, &c. 7 messuages, a mill, 63 acres of land, 3 of wood, and 26*s.* rent, in the towns of *Wichingham*, *Alderford*, *Sparham*, &c.—*Maud* his wife survived him, and married *William Gyney*, who granted or leased the manor in the 9th of *Edward* II. to *Thomas Athelwald* of *Weston*, at 12 marks *per ann.* sterling during the life of *Maud*.

In the 27th of *Edward* III. *William de Middleton*, and *Isabella* his wife, had grant from *Thomas*, abbot of *Wendling*, and the convent, of a messuage in *Norwich*, in *Conesford*-street, on the north side of St. *Clement's* church, with the advowson of that church, for their lives: this *William* sealed with a fess between three crosses.

William, son of *Walter de Middleton* of *Wichingham* St. *Mary*, grants in the 3d of *Henry* VI. to *Thomas* his son, and *Joan* daughter of *William Dyches* of *Salle*, and their heirs, on a marriage, this lordship; *Joan*, widow of *William*, (who died in the 4th of the aforesaid King) was living in the 5th of the said King, and *Thomas*, son of *William*, was found to hold it by the fourth part of a fee, of the honour of *Gloucester* and *Clare*.

Thomas Middleton, chapman, of St. *Clement's* without *Temple-bar*, *London*, son and heir of *Thomas* aforesaid, released it to *Thomas Bryce*, citizen and mercer of *London*, *October* 29, in the 31st of *Henry* VI. and *Thomas Bryce* and *Margaret* his wife passed it by fine to Sir *John Paston* and *James Arblaster*, from the heirs of *Margaret*, in the 9th of *Edward* IV.

James Arblaster, Esq. son of *James*, was lord in the 21st of *Henry* VII. and *Ralph* his son, in the 11th of *Henry* VIII.; but in the 17th of that King, *Miles Groos*, Gent. and in the first of *Edward* VI. *George Horseman*, Esq. of *Boton*, who died possessed of it in 1558, when it came to his eldest son *Henry*, who in the 12th of *Elizabeth*, conveyed this lordship and that of *Wichingham's* with 4 messuages, 4 cottages, 8 tofts, 6 gardens, 8 orchards, 300 acres of land, 30 of meadow, 100 of pasture, 10 of wood, 10 of alder, with 40*s.* rent, and a fold-course in the *Wichinghams*, *Alderford*, *Hackford*, &c. to Sir *Christopher Haydon*; from Sir *Christopher* it passed to *Christopher Layer*, and from the *Layers*, to *Oliver Le Neve*, as may be seen in *Wichingham* manor, and so to *John Norris*, Esq.

HALL'S MANOR.

JOHN DE AULA, or HALL, was living in reign of *Edward* I. and kept a court in the 33d of that King, and held this lordship of the honour of *Clare*, by the fourth part of a fee; *Margaret*, widow of *John*, son of *John de Aula*, was living in the 6th of *Edward* III. and *Gyles*, son of *John de Aula*, in the 10th of that King; in the 26th of whose reign, *Gyles* conveyed it to Sir *William de Wychingham*; the rent of assize was then 84*s.* 9*d.*; in this family in continued till *Edmund Wichingham*, Esq. settled it in the 38th of *Henry* VI. on Sir *John Paston* and *James Arblaster*, Esq. and *James*, his son, sold in the 21st of *Henry* VII. to *Robert Ferrar*, draper of *Norwich*, and *William Potter*, alderman of that city, who in the 17th of *Henry* VIII. conveyed it to *Miles Gross*, from whom it came to *Horseman*, and *Frances Horseman*, widow of *George Horseman*, kept her court, in the 1st of *Elizabeth*: she remarried *Robert Glascock*, who was lord in her right, in the 7th of that Queen; and *Henry Horseman* passed it to Sir *Christopher Haydon*, and so it came to *Layer*, and *Le Neve*, as above, &c.

BRETON'S MANOR

Took its name from an ancient family. *Robert le Breton* was living in the reign of *Richard* I. and *William Breton* in the 18th of *Henry* III. who was made a justice of the Jews, and associated to *Henry de Bath*, and *Elias de Sunninge*.

Thorald le Breton was living at *Wichingham* in the 31st of that King, and married *Aveline*, daughter or sister, of *Ralph le Vilechen*, of *Holkham*.[9]

Robert de Norton, sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, received in the 53d of the said reign, 10*s.* 8*d.* of *William le Breton*, to excuse him from being a knight.

Edmund de Breton of *Wichingham*, by *Ermitrude* his wife, was father of *William Breton*, who lived in the reign of *Edward* I. and married *Elizabeth*, daughter and coheir of ——— *Yermouth*, by whom he had *William* his son.

Of this family was also *John Breton* Bishop of *Hereford*, LL. D. in the reign of *Henry* III. and died in 1275, who wrote his treatise *De Juribus Anglicanis*, at the command of the King; and *John Breton* who married *Mary*, daughter and coheir of Sir *Hamon Felton*, of *Litcham*.

In the 6th of *Edward* III. *William Breton* purchased of *Robert Falstof*, lands, &c. in *Winterton*; and in the 16th of that King, he and *Elizabeth* his wife, conveyed this lordship to *William* his son, and *Isabell* his wife, daughter of *John de Berney*, or (as some) of ——— *de Kerdeston*; and this *William* is said to be the father of *John Breton* of *Wichingham*, who married *Mary*, daughter and coheir of Sir *Hamon Felton*, by whom he had *John*, his son and heir, who married *Margaret*, daughter of *Ralph*, sister of *Edward Gerbridge* of *Wickhampton*, Esq. by whom he had *Edward*, his eldest son, who

[9] Reg. Walsingh. fol. 33.

married *Margery*, daughter of *Simon Blyant*, and dying without issue, was succeeded by his brother *Robert*, who died in the 5th of *Henry* VI. and left by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Thomas Brampton* of *Brampton*, Esq. *Thomas*, living in the 28th of *Henry* VIII. who by *Margery* his wife, daughter of *Thomas Jermy* of *Metfield*, in *Suffolk*, Esq. had *Thomas*, his son and heir, lord of this manor, and of *Felmingham* in *Norfolk*, who kept his first court here in the 30th of *Henry* VIII. and by *Eleanor* his wife, daughter of *James Whynborough* of *Whynborough*, had Henry, his son and heir; *Eleanor*, widow of *Thomas*, kept her first court here in the first of *Edward* VI. *Henry Breton*, Gent. lived at *Felmingham*, and married *Martha*, daughter of *Ralph Symonds* of *Cley*, by *Holt*, in *Norfolk*; he held his first court in the 3d of *Elizabeth*, on the death of his mother, *Eleanor*.

In the 8th of *Elizabeth*, *Robert Rogers*, Gent. was lord, and kept his first court, and occurs in the 21st of *Elizabeth*; but on an inquisition taken at *Norwich*, *August* 10, in the 40th of that Queen, *John Bendysh*, Gent. was found to die *July* 16, in the 38th of the said Queen, seized of this manor, and lands held of the manor of *Longevile*, and so of the honour of *Clare*, and *Francis* was his son and heir, aged 14, and lord in 1621.

Afterwards it was possessed by —— *Edwards* of *Belaugh*, who sold it in 1721, to Mr. *James Peterston*, yeoman.

Breton bore quarterly, p. fess indented, *gules* and *argent*, a mullet, in the first quarter *sable*.

Godric had at the survey, the care of a manor belonging to the King, held by 3 freemen in King *Edward's* reign; 2 villains and 9 borderers, belonged to it, with a carucate and an half of land, and 4 carucates and 9 acres of meadow, valued at 20s. but at the survey paid 30s. quitrent.[1]

This seems to be afterwards in the *Giffards*, and so was united to the honour of *Clare*, and became part of the lordships of *Wichingham*, *Middleton*, &c.

ST. BENNET'S ABBEY OF HOLM

Had also a little lordship, given to that monastery in the *Saxon* age, to find provision for the monks; half a carucate of land, with one borderer, and a carucate and two acres of meadow belonged to it, valued at 10s. *per ann.* and the soc was in the King's manor of *Folsham*.[2]

TURTEVILE'S MANOR.

The site of it was in *Wichingham Parva*, or St. *Faith's*, and was given to St. *Bennet's* abbey, by *Ernaldus*, a *Saxon*; *Hugh*, the abbot,

[1] Terre Regis qua' Godric servat—— In Wincingeham iii libi. ho'es. i car. t're. et dim. sep. ii vill. et ix. bord. sep. iiii car. et ix ac. p'ti. tc. val xx sol. mo. xxx sol. blancas.

[2] Terra S'ci. Benedicti de Hulmo ad victum monachor.—In Wicingaha' dim. car. t're. i bor. i car. ii ac. p'ti. val. xs. Soca in Folsha' Regis.

in the reign of King *Stephen*, granted it to *Roger de Turtevile* and his heirs, paying 10*s*. *per ann*. to the convent.[s]

In the 19th of *Henry* III. the prior of *Walsingham* had an interest herein, and there was an agreement between him and the Abbot of *Holm*, about the payment of the 10*s*. *per ann*. said to be issuing out of a tenement of *William's*, son of *Jeffrey de Turtevile*, that the prior should pay it to the Abbot, and do homage and pay relief for it.

Robert de Turtevile, son of *William*, and *Agatha* his wife, were living in the 34th of *Henry* III. and gave lands in South *Walsham* to the abbey of *Holm*, and *Walter Turtevile*, and *Agnes* his wife, in the 16th of *Edward* I.

It was after in the *Berneys*, and *John Berney* of *Reedham*, by his will in 1440, gave it to his son *John*, in tail; in the 38th of *Henry* VI. *John Berney*, and *Margaret* his wife, convey it with 2 messuages, 100 acres of land, 5 of meadow, 80 of pasture, 8 of wood, and 20*s*. rent in *Wichingham*, St. *Faith's*, and St. *Mary's*, *Alderford*, *Attlebrigg*, &c. to *Henry Richers*, Esq. in trust, and *John Berney*, Esq. was found to die seized of it in the 19th of *Henry* VIII. held by fealty and 15*s*. rent, of the manor of *Castleacre*. *Henry Richers* after held it, and sold it to his brother, *Robert Richers*, Gent. of *Swanington*, in the 6th of *Edward* VI. *September* 22, for 250*l*.

In the 14th of *Charles* I. *Ralph Outlaw* was lord; and in 1664, *Thomas Outlaw*.

Another lordship was possessed by *Eustace* Earl of *Bologne*, in *Normandy*, which *Godwin*, a freeman, (father, as I take it, of King *Harold*, and Earl of *Kent*,) held in the Confessor's reign, and descended to his son *Harold*; it consisted of 2 carucates of land, held by 2 villains, and 18 borderers, with 3 servi, 2 carucates in demean, and 3 among the tenants, with 3 acres of meadow, 2 mills, 2 runci, or beasts of burthen, 12 cows, 24 swine, 80 sheep, and 4 skeps of bees; and 8 soomen had 20 acres of land; they belong to the soc of *Folsham*, but the Earl held them; there were 2 carucates and an acre of meadow, then valued at 100*s*. at the survey at 7*l*. *per ann*.

CLEY-HALL.

Bartholomew de Antingham was lord in the 52d of *Henry* III. in which year *William Kerdeston* of *Bintre*, and *Cecil* his wife, passed by fine, to him, 2 messuages, 170 acres of land, 9*s*. rent, a mill, 2 acres of wood, 13 of meadow in *Wichingham Parva*, *Alderford*, &c. Sir *Bartholomew* died seized of it in the 16th of *Edward* I. held of *Bertram de Criol*, as part of the barony of *Averenches*, in *Kent*, who married one of the 3 daughters and coheirs of *Hamon Crevequer*, by the service of one Knight's fee and 3 quarters, and paying to the wardship of *Dover* castle at the end of every 28 weeks, 17*s*. and 6*d*.; the rent of assise was then found to be 66*s*. *per ann*.

In the 15th of *Edward* II. *Roger de Antingham*, son of *Bartholomew*, had a charter of free warren, and in the said year this lordship was settled on *Roger* and *Amicia* his wife, for life, remainder

[s] Reg. de Hulmo, fol. 6. 29, 44, et Reg. Wals. fol. 102, 132.

on *Bartholomew* their son; and by a *compotus* of *Robert Avori*, bailiff of the court in the 17th of *Edward* III. it appears that the profits of it in that year, were 44*s.* 2*d.* that an halfpenny was paid to the sheriff's turn, to *Dover* castle ward, *November* 8, 14*d.* and 14*d.* on *May* 22, for the carriage of it, 5*s.* 2*d.* on those 2 days; and to Sir *Richard*, parson of *Antingham*, coming to *Causton* fair.

The jury in the 39th of *Edward* III. find that *Bartholomew de Antingham*, Sir *John de Repps*, *John Boyden*, *John de Somerton*, &c. held lands and tenements in *Wichingham* and *Holt*, of Sir *William de Morley*, valued at 10*s. per ann.*

In the 17th of *Edward* IV. *John Berney*, Esq. of *Wichingham*, died seized of this manor in *Wichingham*, St. *Faith's*; *John Berney* was lord in the reign of *Henry* VIII. and left it to his son *John*. On *Saturday* before the feast of St. *Michael*, in the 4th of Queen *Elizabeth*, *Martyn Berney*, Esq. son of *Robert Berney*, Esq. of *Gunton*, held his first court as lord of *Cley Hall*, *Robert* his father dying possessed of it *December* 26, in the 5th and 6th of *Philip* and *Mary*, paying 17*s.* and 6*d.* every 26 weeks, to the guard of *Dover* castle. In the 40th of *Elizabeth*, *May* 28, *Martin Berney*, and *Margaret* his wife, *Christopher Grimston* of *Grey's Inn*, Esq. and *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Martin Berney*, conveyed it by fine, to *William Collins*, who in the said year passed it to *Edward Turner*.

It came afterwards to the *Outlaws*, and *Elizabeth Outlaw*, widow, kept her first court on the last day of *March*, 1670. *Thomas Outlaw* of *Wichingham Parva* was living in 1620, and by *Mary* his wife, daughter of ——— *Corie*, was father of *Ralph*, who married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Robert*, and sister of Sir *Robert Kemp*, of *Spain's Hall*, in *Finchingfield*, *Essex*, by whom he had *Thomas*, his son and heir, living in 1664, and had by *Sarah* his wife, daughter of *William Hunt*, Esq. of *Hilderston*, (son of Sir *Thomas Hunt*,) *Ralph* his son and heir, who married first *Ursula*, daughter of *Richers Brown* of *Fulmerston*; his 2d wife was *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Robert Adams* of *Norwich*, and dying *sans* issue, about 1670, left part of his estate to —— *Brown* of *Saxthorp*, and part to *Elizabeth* his wife, who afterwards married *Gyles Cutting*, an attorney.

Antingham bore *sable*, a bend, *argent*.

Outlaw, *argent*, a saltire between four foxes, or wolves heads, couped, *gules*.

STREET HALL.

John de Berney was lord in the 12th of *Edward* III. and granted to *Alice*, daughter of *Simon Est*, an annuity of 4*l.* for life, out of it, and agreed to be therewith content, so long as she lived in the company of the said *John*, and was found at his cost with meat, drink, clothes, &c. but that on the hour the said *John* should marry, he should give towards her marriage, 30 marks, and provide her a convenient chamber *de lynge & launge*, then the said annuity to be void; this agreement was sealed by her at *Burgh*, near *Brok*, the morrow after St. *Luke's* day.

Robert de Mouton, and *Felicia* his wife, conveyed by fine to *John de Berney*, in the 24th of that King, 4 messuages, 48 acres of land,

5 of meadow, and 6s. rent, with the homages and services of divers persons in the *Wichinghams*, *Alderford*, &c. for 40 marks of silver; and in the 37th of that reign, *Henry de Moresley*, and *Margaret* his wife, granted lands here to *John de Berney*, and *Thomas* his son, with homages and services; in the 39th year, *William de Burgh*, parson of *Cantley*, and *John de Heveningham*, convey a messuage, two tofts, 76 acres of land, 3 of meadow, 6 of wood, 4 of alder, and 25s. rent here, &c. to *John de Berney*, and *Catherine* his wife, for life, remainder to *Thomas* and *Robert*.

John de Berney, by his will, dated in 1373, was to be buried in the church of the Holy Trinity, of *Norwich*, by *Joan* his late wife, if the prior and convent consent, if not, in the chapel of St. *Ann*,[4] built by him, and adjoining to the church of *Burgh*, by *Sarah* his wife; she was daughter of Sir *Barth. Bateman: Catherine* his 2d wife, was daughter of *Peter de Bedingfeld*, (by the first he had 2 sons, *Robert* and *Thomas*,) orders 20*l.* for his funeral expenses; gives to *Wichingham*, St. *Mary's* church, 20s. and to St. *Faith's* 10s.

Sir *Robert* his son was a knight bachelor of *John* of *Gaunt* Duke of *Lancaster*, sheriff of *Norfolk* in the reign of *Henry* IV. and married *Margaret*, daughter of *John Appleyard*, Esq. or (as some say) of *Walter de Walcote*, and widow of *Roger de Welisham*; he died in 1415. *Margaret* survived him, and was buried in the church of *Runhale*, before the altar of St. *Catherine*, as by her will, dated at *Gunton*, on *Friday* after the Epiphany, in the 3d of *Henry* V.[5] *John Berney*, only living son of Sir *Robert*, was lord in the 4th of *Henry* V. and *John Berney*, Esq. in the 19th of *Henry* VI. and in the 28th of that King, *John Bernard* held it in right of *Joan* his wife, relict of *John Berney; John Berney*, Esq. was lord in the 38th of that King, and on *December* 22, 1471, administration of the goods, &c. of *John Berney*, Esq. late of *Wichingham*, was granted *Joan* his relict.[6]

Robert Berney was lord in 1524, *John Berney*, Esq. in 1530, and *Martin Berney* in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*.

After this, it was in *Thomas Allen*, a citizen of *London*, about the end of Queen *Elizabeth's* reign, the last of which family was *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of *Thomas Aleyn* of *Street Hall*, who married *William Bladwell*, eldest son of *William Bladwell* of *Swannington*, Esq. and afterwards *John Herne*, 2d son of ——— *Herne* of *Haverland*, in *Norfolk*, Esq. who died *September* 15, 1713, and was buried (where she lived) at *Twayte* in *Norfolk*.

The tenths of *Great Wichingham* were 7*l.* 16s. Deducted 16s. and of *Little Wichingham*, 2*l.* 15s. 10d. Deducted 6s.

Lenwaden bridge in this town, was found at a general session held at *Norwich*, *January* 10, 1653, to be a county bridge, and to be repaired by the county of *Norfolk*.

The temporalities of *Walsingham* priory were 15s.

The CHURCH of *Great Wichingham* is dedicated to St. *Mary*, was anciently a rectory, granted to the priory of *Longuevile*, by *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Bucks*, and appropriated to it, valued at 40

[4] Reg. Haydon.
[5] Reg. Thurning, p. 5.
[6] Reg. Jekkys Norw. fol. 36, b.

marks, and a vicarage was settled, valued at 6 marks and an half, in the patronage of the said priory, after of New College in *Oxford*, and paid *Peter*-pence, 10*d*. The prior and convent of *Norwich* had 2 garbs of the tithes of the demeans of *Jeffrey*, son of *William de Leons*, farmed of them, (as appears[7]) at 7*s*. *per ann*. and demised to *Joan*, Lady *Bardolf*, in the 22d of *Henry* VI. at 20*s*. *per ann*. The present valor is 4*l*. 17*s*. 10*d*. This portion was granted at the Dissolution to the dean and chapter of *Norwich*, and was in 1660, 12*s*. *per ann*. *John de Grey* Bishop of *Norwich* granted it, and Bishop *Blumvile* confirmed it.

VICARS.

1312, *William de Baldeswell* instituted vicar, nominated by the Bishop of *Norwich*, and presented by the proctor of the prior, and convent of *Longevile*.
1332, *John Badele*. *Ditto*.
John Stoner vicar.
1337, *Nicholas Sutheved*.
1371, *Peter Atte-Townsend*, presented by the King, and nominated by the Bishop.
1414, *William Ham*.
1419, *Henry Sweyn*.
1431, *William Fuller*.
Richard Betts occurs in 1488.
Robert Child occurs in 1492 vicar.
1505, *Robert Este*, by the master of St. *Mary's* of *Winchester* college.
1513, *Richard Cragge*.
1519, *William Twayts*, decret. doctor.
1525, *William Howseman*.
Robert Church.
1551, *Hen. Saxon*.
1551, *Henry Lewen*.
1557, *James Stankye*.
1661, *John Skotte*.
1581, *Ed. Muslebrook*.
1613, *William More*.
1615, *John Green*.
1640, *Henry Complyn*, vicar.
1651, *Thomas Whitby*.
1665, *William Bearcliff*.
1670, *James Sacheverell*.
1711, *Edward Somervile*, by New college.
1722, *Sacheverel Bookey*, by New college.

The vicar pays a portion of 3*s*. 4*d*. to New College, *per ann*.

The church and chancel are covered with lead, and has a square tower with 4 bells.

In the chancel a gravestone,

In memory of Francis Le Neve and Margaret his wife, who lived in a

[7] Reg. 5. Ecc. Norw. fol. 8.

wedded estate 53 years, and died on St. Peter's day 1616, *and she in* 1618.

One for,

*Hen. Le Neve, Gent: who died, *th Sept.* 1652.—*In memory of Francis Le Neve, Esq; and Alice his wife, he died Sept.* 25, 1652, *aged* 79.

Here lyeth Oliver Le Neve Esq; a faithful subject of the king, an obedient son of the church, a stout patron of justice, and a true lover of his countrey, no friend to popery or presbytery, but a zealous assertor of the church of England, as the nearest to primitive christianty, and the very sanctuary of the English interest, liberty and property; he was for his intellectuals of a most sound, solid, deep, and piercing judgment; for his morals of a most prudent, sober, grave, just, generous, and every way obliging, vertuous conversation, wherein he eminently excelled, and was therein constant to his death, which was Jan. 21, 1678, *and in the* 78 *year of his age.*

May his posterity immortalize his name by imitation of his virtues.

Vir bonus est hic, qui ut leges patriæ, sic sacram religionem firmiter excoluit.

*Near this stone lyeth the dust of Oliver Le Neve, Esq; late one of the justices of the peace, and captain of a foot company of the militia, of this county; second son of Francis Le Neve, gentleman, citizen and ****** of London, and of Avice his wife daughter of Peter Wright and sister of Peter Wright of London, merchants, he died on the* 23, *of *******, 17**, and was buried on the* 26*th of the same month; leaving by his first wife, Anne, only daughter of Sir John Gaudy, of West Herling in this county, Bt. (who lyeth by his side) three daughters and co-heirs, Isabella, Anne, and Henrietta Le Neve, who caused, ****** to be laid. As also what remains of Elizab. his* 3*d wife, daughter and co-heir expectant of Robt Sheffield of Kensington, Esq; gradson of Edm. Earl of Mulgrave, long ***** she died suddenly on the* 8*th day of Nov.* 1707, *without a child and buried here on the* 12*th day of the same month.*

A gravestone,

For Anne, Wife of Oliver Le Neve, Esq; only daughter of Sir John Gaudy of West Herling, Bt. who died Feb. 10, 1695, *aged* 31 *years:* with the arms of *Le Neve* and *Gaudy.*

*Mortalibus exuviis hic depositis, dormit beatam præstolans anastasin (cum surgite novissimum resonabitur) fœmina e pluribus lectissima, Jana, Joh. Knycet, Equitis de Balneo, filia, ****, præter unam minima, virtutibus tamen magna, Oliverj Le Neve, Armigeri, uxor altera, sed nulli secunda. Utpote quæ viro, suisq; omnibus, non unquam erat, nisi moriendo, gravis; obt.* 19 *Junij, anno salutis nostræ,* 1704.

Here lyeth the body of Elizab. wife of Oliver Le Neve, Esq; who died Jan. 23*s* 1658,

One,

In memory of Anne Gardiner, wife of Michael Gardiner, of the Inner Temple, Esq; daughter of Sir John Kelling Kt. late lord chief justice of

England, by Martha his wife, daughter to Sir Thomas Boteler of Bedfordshire, Kt. she died Sep. 29, 1673

In memory of Thomas Playter, son of John Playter of Satterley in Suffolk, Esq; (after Sir John Playter, Bt.) and Isabel his wife, who died 1678.

On a gravestone in the church,

Hic jacet Will'us de Wychingham, Amigi. qui obijt 12° *die mensis Maij A°. Dni.* 1414——with the arms of *Wichingham*, on a brass plate.

Orate p. a'i'a Johanne Berney, filie Radulph[a] *Berney, Armigeri.*
Orate p. a'i'a Johs. Berney filij Radulfi Berney de Wichingh. Armig.
*Sub hoc marmore deposuit exuvias carnis Joh. Bird, Generos. vir satur dierum ac honorum, qui post peractam quatuor coronis Britannicis in aulâ regia fideliatem, jam tandem ad præstandum, quintæ coronæ obsequium imperatur, sed quinta corona ipsissima perenni et * * * * sera morte insignitus est. Denuo post tot exantlatos labores et consummatos honores in octogesimo sexto ætatis suæ curriculo denatus est Jul.* 28, *A.D.* 1660, *a terrestri hoc pulvere in cæliste fastigium evectus est.*

A monument on the wall by the screen,

Geo. Meres, Esq; born at Saleby in Lincolnshire, and Alice his wife, daughter of Robert Jenyson of Burnham Market, Esq; the parents of Susan, wife of John Bird of Wichingham, Gent. George died 1636, *and Alice,* 1638:—with the arms of *Meres, gules*, a fess, between two swans proper, *Jenyson.*

A gravestone,

In memory of Tho. Alleyn of Wichingham Magna, Gent: who died Feb. 3, 1650, *and his* 2 *wifes:*—with the arms of *Alleyn*, p. bend sinister, frappèe, *argent* and *sable*, six martlets counterchanged, and this distich:

Death here advantage hath of life I spye,
One husband with two wifes at once may lye.

In the chancel are several achievements; *Le Neve, argent*, on a cross *sable*, five lis of the first impaling, *Gaudy, vert*, a tortoise, passant, *argent*;—*Le Neve*, impaling *Knevet, argent*, a bend and bordure ingrailed, *sable*;—*Le Neve*, impaling *Sheffield.*

Le Neve, impaling *Corey, sable*, on a chevron, between three griffins heads, *or*, three mullets pierced, *gules. Le Neve* impaling *Havers.*

At the east end of the south isle was a chapel belonging to *Stretehall*: in the windows, the arms of *Berney*, per pale, *azure* and *gules*, a cross ingrailed, *ermine*, impaling *azure*, a chevron, between three seapies, proper, *Holditch* of *Ranworth.*

In the windows of the church, the arms of *Berney, Wichingham, Morley*; *Berney*, impaling *azure*, a chevron, *or*, between howlets, *argent*, beaked and peded, of the 1st, *Appleyard. Berney* impaling *Walcot*, with—*Orate p. a'i'a Robti Berney et Margarete, et uxor ejus*; his Sir *Rob.* seems to have had 2 wives; *Appleyard* and *Walcot*—*Berney*,

[a] He was a yeoman of the guard.

impaling *Bedingfield, argent,* two chevronels, *sable,* between three roses, *gules,* leafed and seeded proper, the arms of New College in *Oxford,* and of Bishop *Wickham,* their founder.

Beatrix Doraunt, widow, buried in the churchyard in 1473, gave legacies to St. *Mary,* and St. *John Baptist's* guilds, to St. *Mary* light, those of St. *Christopher,* the Holy *Trinity,* and our Lady of Pity. *Thomas Frary,* buried in the churchyard, gave legacies in 1513, to our Lady in the chancel end, and to her light, to St. *Nicholas,* in the chancel, to St. *Christoper,* St. *Anne,* St. *Anthony,* and to St. *Thomas* of *Canterbury.* Here were also the plough light, hallow mass, the rode loft, common light, and light before the sacrament.

Francis Neve, Esq. by his will dated *September* 24, 1651, gave 20*l.* to the poor.

In 1556, an inventory was made of such goods and implements as belonged to this church; a pix, and 6 pix cloths, 2 pair of chalyse, one parcel gylte—a pix of silver, to bere in the host, gylt—an altar cloth of lynnyng, upon the altar, and an herse cloth of dornyse for the altar—a cope of red satten, and a vestment of the same—three abbes—two old vestments—two corporas casys, with one cloth—a sacryn bell 2 surplesses and 2 rochets—a pair of censors, and a holy water stopp—a chrysmatory, a messe book, a manuel, an antiphoner, a baud cloth, with a pendon, an old blew herse cloth—a blew vestment of right satten.

I also find there were 6 copes, the best of red velvet, and the image of our Lady and the Holy Ghost in the cope, the next of - - - - - - - silver wrought with gold, another of white, branched damask, one of black velvet, &c.—a crymsy deacon and sub-deacon velvet—a St. *Nicholas* cope— a vestment of crymsy velvet, with images of gold—a red velvet one, a black velvet one, &c. a cloth of white lynen for the font, 2 hand bells, a silver censor, &c. for every altar 2 latyn candelsticks, and for the high altar four, a stayned cloth before the altar painted of the assumption of our Lady, also painted cloths to hang before other saints, a lynen cloth before the rood loft, and one to cover the rood—the veil cloth—the sepulchre timber—24 candlesticks of latyn for the rode loft, &c.

The church of *Wichingham Parva* is dedicated to St. *Faith, Peterpence* 5*d.* old valor, and the present valor is 5*l.*

The prior of *Longavile* had a portion valued at 40*s.*

RECTORS.

Mr. *Hugh de London* occurs rector in 1293, the Bishop's official.

1318, *Roger de Stretlee* instituted, presented by the proctor-general of the prior and convent of *Longavile.*

1375, *William Bernard,* by the king, the temporalities being in his hands.

Thomas Pykkebene. Ditto.

1397, *William Barton.*

1406, *Edmund Fysher.*

1419, *John Clyfford.*

1439, *John Emelyn,* by Sir *Ralph Rocheford,* in right of the priory, as lessee.

1469, *Edmund Hanson*, by the master and fellows of St. *Mary Winchester* college, of *Oxford*.
1477, Mr. *Richard Smith*, in decret. baccal.
1479, *William Lynton*. *Ditto*.
John Whether.
1517, *Thomas Angewyn*, A. M.
1520, *John Southwood*.
1521, *Robert Qwarles*.
1546, *Richard Dominick*, A. M.
1547, *John Strong*.
1557, *John Sankye*.
John Skotte occurs in 1561; on *March* 1, in the 4th of *Elizabeth*, he leased the mansion-house, barns, stable, &c. of this rectory, with the curtilage, gardens, and 6 acres of pasture, for 80 years, at 10*l. per ann.* and was confirmed by the Bishop and patron.
1581, *Edward Muslebrook*.
1613, *William More*.
1617, *John Green*.
1640, *Henry Complyn*.
1651, *Thomas Whitby*.
1665, *William Bearcliff*.
1670, *James Sacheverell*.
1711, *Edward Somervile*, by New college, *Oxford*.
1722, *Sacheverel Bookey*. *Ditto*.
A grave-stone—

In memory of Ralph Outlawe, Gent: who dyed Nov. 14, 1670.
Elizab. his wife, died July 4, 1671.
In memory of Tho. Outlawe, of Gardeston, Gent: who died May 15, 1650.
In memory Tho. Outlawe, the elder, Gent: who died July 3, 1633.

In the windows of the church, the arms of the Earls of *Clare*, of *Ufford*, *Mortimer*, of *Attleburgh* and *Kerdeston*.
The temporalities of St. *Faith's* priory here were 2*s*.

WOOD NORTON.

PART of this town belonged to the Bishops of the *East-Angles*, and to the see, when it was at *North Elmham*, in this county, and when the see was at *Thetford*, we have this account of it from the survey. —*Norton* was a beruite to the Bishop of *Thetford's* manor of *Hilderston*, consisting of 200 acres of land, held by 9 villains and 6 borderers, with 2 servi, there was always one carucate in demean, and two among the tenants, 8 acres of meadow, paunage for 30 swine, there was the 3d part of a church belonging to it, endowed with 2 acres

and a half of land, valued at 4*d.* and 8 socmen had 51 acres of land, 3 borderers, 2 carucates and 4 acres of meadow, &c. and *Hugo* held this under the Bishop. This beruite with the lordships of *Hilderston, Geist, Geistweit,* belonging to the Bishop, were valued together at 13*l.* viiis. *per ann.*[9]

Herbert Bishop of *Norwich,* on his foundation of the priory of *Norwich,* gave this lordship to it as part of their endowment, and also granted lands, &c. to *Edric Le Cat,* in this town, *Geist* and *Hilderston, Godfrey Le Gross,* a descendant of *Edric,* granted all his right herein to the aforesaid priory, in the 31st of *Edward* I. as may be seen in *Hilderston.* Sir *Alan Le Gross,* son of *Roland,* was living at *Wodenorton* in the reign of *Henry* III. and had a daughter, *Christiana,* married to *Andr. de Sharnburn,* and after to *Edmund de Gelham,* and died the 10th of *Edward* I. His son *Adam* was father of *Robert Le Gross* of *Geistweyt,* living in the 20th of *Edward* III. but *John le Gross* was seized of this lordship in the 23d of *Edward* I. and in the 25th of that King, had a writ *ad quod Damnum,* to give lands to religious uses.

Thomas de Gelham, in the 20th of *Edward* III. was found to hold half a quarter of a fee of the Bishop of *Norwich,* which *Edmund de Gelham* formerly held, and before this, in the 11th of *Edward* II. a fine was levied between *Richard,* son of *Edmund de Gelham, Reginald* and *Philip* his brothers, querents, and *Christiana,* widow of *Edmund,* deforciants, of a moiety of this manor, settled on her for jointure, and rendering 8*l. per ann.* to her for life instead of it.

In the 11th of *Richard* II. *Thomas Curson* of *Folsham, John,* son of *William Curson,* and *Henry Curson,* parson of *Folsham,* released to *William Curson,* all their right in the manors of *Gelham* and *Gerbridge* in this town.

Sir *Edmund de Reynham* purchased by fine the manor of *Gelham,* of *John Spoo,* and *Nichola* his wife, in 1394, and in the said year, Sir *Thomas Gyney,* &c. were querents, *John Curson,* junior, and *Margery* his wife, deforciants, of this manor and the advowson, conveyed to *Gyney,* and in 1401, Sir *Thomas Geney* presented to the church of St. *Peter's* in this town.

John de Save's manor, which was granted to *Alice de Luton,* in the reign of King *Henry* III. and called *Luton fee,* extended into this town, *Geist,* and *Themilthorp,* (as is there mentioned,) and came after to the *Gerbridges,* who had an interest also in this lordship, of the Bishop of *Norwich; Thomas Gerbridge* held it in the 15th of *Edward* I. *John Gerberge* presented to the church of *All-Saints* in this town, in right of this manor, in 1310, and in 1321; in 1355, *Roger Gerbrigge* presented, and in 1359, the Bishop of *Norwich,* as guardian of the heir of *Roger Gerbrigg,* as lord of *Ling-hall.*

In 1374, Sir *Thomas Gerberge* died intestate, and left *Alice* his widow, and *William,* his son and heir; *Alice* his widow released in the 12th of *Richard* II. to Sir *Thomas Hengrave, Hugh Curson,* &c.

[9] Terra Epi. Tedford' sis ad episcopatu. p'tinens T. R. E.——Hic jacet (in Hildolfestina) i beruita que dicitur Nortuna de cc. ac. sep. ix villi. et vi. bor. tc. ii s. m°, i sep. i car. in dnio. et ii car. hominu. viii ac. pti. silv. xxx porc. et t'cia pars eccle. in bereuuita de ii ac. et dim et val iiiid. et viii soc. de li. ac. tre. qd. ten. Hugo de epo. iii bord. sep. ii car. et iiii ac. pti. pti. silv. x porc.

all her right in the manor of *Wood Norton*, 2 parts of the manor of *Yaxham*, the homage and demean of *Luton* fee, and her right in the manor of *Thurley* in *Hertfordshire*.

William Gerberge, in the 4th of *Henry* IV. held half a quarter of a fee of the Bishop, and half a fee in this town and *Themilthorp*, of the Earl of *Arundel*: in the 13th of that King, a fine was levied between Sir *John Howard*, and Sir *John Heveningham*, querents, Sir *Thomas Gerberge*, Knt. and *Cecilia* his wife, deforciants, when it was settled as a jointure on the said *Cecilia*, and paid to her 8*l. per ann.* for life.

In 1414, *Joan*, relict of *William Gerbrige*, Esq. on account of the manor of *Ling-hall*, presented by her assignee,[1] and in 1427, *John Crane* presented to *All-Saints* church as lord; in 1449, *Edmund Dokking* and *Margaret* his wife; in 1457, *Alice Crane* presented; and *Edmund Dokking* and *Margaret* his wife, in 1461; by this it seems that *Crane* and *Dokking* had each a moiety of presentation to the church of *All-Saints*.

John Savile presented to it in 1503, in right of his wife, and Sir *Robert Southwell*, as lord of the whole town, to *All-Saints* and St. *Peter's* churches, in 1509; from the *Southwells* it came to the dean and chapter of *Christ* church in *Oxford*, who presented in 1552; the church is now consolidated; the presentation is in the dean and chapter at this time, lords of the town; and held of them by lease.

NORTON-HALL.

Rainald, son of *Ivo*, had a lordship held by St. *Edmund* in the Confessor's time; 2 carucates of land belonged to it, 8 villains, 8 borderers, one carucate in demean, 3 carucates among the tenants, and 8 acres of meadow, paunage for 30 swine, 6 cows, &c. 12 goats, valued at 20*s.* at the survey at 30*s.*[2]

Walter Giffard had also 72 acres of land, out of which 3 freemen were ejected, held by 6 borderers, with 2 carucates and 4 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 13*s.* but at the survey at 20*s.* and one of these freemen was under the protection of *Almar* Bishop of *Norwich*.[3]

It appears from *Domesday* book, that even religious houses of the greatest distinction were not free from the depredations and plunder of the *Norman* invaders, and the abbey of St. *Edmund* of *Bury* was deprived of this their lordship here, by *Rainald*, son of *Ivo*.

Both these lordships above-mentioned came to the Earls of *Clare*, from the *Giffards*, by marriage.

Hugo, or *Hugh de Norton* was lord, and father of *Henry*;[4] *Robert de Norton*, his son, by *Maud* his wife, was father of *Roger de Norton*, who by *Alice* his wife, had *Robert* his son, *sans* date.

John de Norton was lord in the 34th of *Henry* III. and of *Geystweyt*, and *John* his son was living in the 14th of *Edward* I. In

[1] Lib. Instit. Norw.

[2] Terre Rainaldi filii Ivonis——In Nortuna ten. S'cs. Edmund. T. R. E. ii car. t're. sep. viii vill. tc. viii bor. mo. xvi sep. i car. in d'nio. tc. et p. iii car. ho'um mo. ii et viii ac. p't'i. silv. xxx por. sep. vi an. et vi por. et xii cap. tc. et p. val xx sol. mo. xxx.

[3] Terre Walteri Giffardi, in Nortuna iii libi. ho'es. lxxii ac. t're. sep. vi bor. sep ii car et iiii ac p'ti. silv. viii por. tc. val. xiii sol. mo. xx et i de his hominib; fuit com'd. Almari Epi.

[4] Regist. Bromholm, fol. 64, 66, &c.

1308, *Philip de Norton*, lord, presented to the church of St. *Peter's* in this town, and held this manor of *Geysweyt*, of the Earl of *Clare*, by half a fee; he presented also in 1320, and *Vincent de Norton* in 1344 and 1349.

William de Norton was lord in 1364, and presented to the aforesaid church, but in the 13th of *Richard* II. it was found that this manor, with a messuage, 210 acres of land, 50*s.* rent *per ann.* with the advowson of St. *Peter's* church, was held by *John Rysing*, as of the manor of *Pencethorp*, and of the honour of *Clare*, and after by Sir *Robert Carbonell*, as lord of *Pencethorp*; and that *William Norton* did not die seized of it, but as a convict; and that *Nicholaa* his wife was now married to *John Spoo*; *William* fled beyond sea for some crime, and the manor escheated to the Crown, and *John Spoo* and *Nicholaa* were in possession of it, and presented to St. *Peter's* church in 1386.

After this, it was in Sir *Thomas Geney*, who presented in 1401; ——*Thomas Geney*, Esq. in 1415, and Sir *Thomas Geney* in 1416; *John Bryston*, Esq. presented as lord in 1424, and *John Crane*, Esq. to St. *Peter's* in 1428. In the 8th of *Henry* VI. there was an agreement, dated *April* 20, between *William*, prior of *Norwich*, &c. and their tenants, and *William Paston*, one of the King's justices, Sir *Edmund Berry*, and *John Crane*, Esq. seized in fee of the manor of *Woodnorton*, and *Lyng Hall*, and their tenants; and *William Paston*, Esq. of *London*, presented to St. *Peter's*, as lord, in 1485.

John Bernard, Esq. of *Norwich*, by his will, dated *March* 16, 1474, bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of St. *Michael*, of *Coslany*, *Norwich*; gives sums of money to the Friars-Austine, Carmes, Dominicans there; to the nuns of *Carhow*, *Mettingham* college; the churches of *Geyst*, *Geystwayt*, *Burgh* by *Whetacre*, St. *Laurence's*, St. *Margaret*, and St. *John* of *Ilketeshall*, in *Suffolk*; to *Anne* his wife, 10*l. per ann.* his manor of *Norton Hall*, and rents called *Clere* rents, with a water mill, and foldcourse for life, after to be sold by his executors, and the money given to pious uses; his manor in *East-Derham* called *Colbourns*, alias *Mowles*, to be sold, and his swan mark in *Norwich* river to his wife for life, after to be sold; proved *June* 7, 1474. About this time *Norton-Hall* manor was valued at 6*l.* 19*s.* 4*d. per ann.*

In 1509, Sir *Robert Southwell*, as lord, presented to St. *Peter's*, and *All-Saints* churches; and in 1533, Sir *Richard Southwell* to St. *Peter's*, and Sir *Richard*, by his assigns, presented to *All-Saints* in 1540.

Soon after, *May* 16, *ao.* 38th *Henry* VIII. it was granted to the King, by Sir *Richard*, in exchange for certain abbey lands; and King *Henry* VIII. gave it to the dean and chapter of *Christ* church in *Oxford*, *December* 11, *ao.* 38. In 1552, the dean and chapter presented, and the patronage is now in that church.

Hagon, the Conqueror's reeve or bailiff, had a grant of 50 acres of land; 5 socmen held it of him, and were resident on the land; and the tenants had 2 carucates, and 11 acres of meadow, &c. it was always valued at 10*s.*[3] This came soon after to the *Giffards*, and so was united to the honour of *Clare*.

[3] Terra Hagonis—In Nortuna 1 ac. ii car. intr. ho'es et ii ac. p'ti. sep. val. t're. et v soc in ipsa t'ra manentes sep. x sol.

John, son of *John de Wood-Norton*, and *Warine le Gross*, with *Mabel* his wife, granted to *Walsingham* priory, six score sheep in the common pasture, from *Ulfs Cross* to *Horsley Bec*;[6] and *Jeffrey le Gross*, 6 sheep between *Jordan de Haghaghs*, and *Swanton Wood*, and confirmed the other common in *Norton* meer. It appears that *Bertrand*, son of *Warine le Gross*, was father of *Jeffrey*, and *Rodland le Gross* was his son.

Richard le Brun of *Walsingham Parva* gave them lands that he purchased of *Robert*, son of *Hugh de Byntre*, and of *Strangia* his mother; and *Hugh*, son of *Robert de Byntre*, gave lands with a foldcourse and a droveway.

By a deed, the prior agreed to pay to *Godfrey*, rector of St. *Peter's* church, *2s. per ann.* for small tithes of their manor in this town, called *Dulacres*, and the rector was to take tithe of the corn only. The temporalities of this priory in rent, land, and a dove-house, valued in 1428 at 13*s.* 4*d. per ann.*

Nigel Sulier of *Hapesburgh*, by deed, *sans* date, gave to the priory of *Bromholm* 56 acres of land, with rents, homages, and services here, and in *Geyst*;[7] *William Atwood* gave a foldcourse and common of pasture. Their temporalities valued at 22*s.* 7*d. ob. q.*

The temporalities of *Westacre* priory valued at 3*s.* 6*d.*

Eborard, son of Sir *Ralph de Geyst*, granted to *Castleacre* priory the rent of *William*, the clerk of *Byntre*, which he held of him in land and pasture at *Horsley Bec*; *Gilbert*, son of *Ralph*, two parts of the tithe of his demeans[8]——*Ralph*, son of *Gilbert*, lord of *Felgetesham*, two parts of the tithe in all things of his lands in *Norton*, as well cattle, as small tithe, and all offerings, of which tithe ought to be yearly paid, as well as of corn. Their temporalities valued at 4*s.*

Temporalities of *Fakenham Dam*, 8*d.* Of *Coxford*, 2*s.* 9*d. q.* Of *Norwich* priory, 40*s.*

Lands in the tenure of *John Russel*, late belonging to *Buckenham* priory, granted *July* 30, *ao.* 1st of Queen *Mary*, to *George Rotherham* and *Robert Barber*.

The tenths were 2*l.* 13*s.* 10*d.* Deducted 4*s.* 2*d.*

There were two churches standing in this town in the 5th of *Henry* V. as appears by the will of Sir *Thomas Geney* of *Brandeston*; *All-Saints*, the valor of which was 5 marks, *Peter*-pence 2*d.* St. *Peter's*, the valor 5 marks, *Peter*-pence, 7*d. ob.* both rectories; but St. *Peter's* has been dilapidated long since, and consolidated with *All-Saints*; the present valor of which is 7*l.* 12*s.* 2*d. ob.*

All-Saints church has no steeple, but a frame for bells in the churchyard.

In the chancel a gravestone

In memory of Samuel Fisher, rector, who died Feb. 17, 1691.

And in the church, one

In memory of Edward Blower, of Wood-Norton, gent. 2d son of Christopher Blower, of Weston on the Green in Oxfordshire, who died December 3, 1681.

[6] Reg. Walsingh. in Bibliot. Cotton, p. 107, 109, &c.

[7] Reg. Bromholm fol. 64, &c. 74.

[8] Reg. Castleac. fol. 57.

And one

For John Lee of Fulmodeston, gent. who died December 12, 1681.

RECTORS.

In 1310, *Peter le Curson* instituted rector, the church not named, presented by *John Gerberge.*

1321, *William Gerberge. Ditto.*

Vincent de Norton, rector.

1308, *William de Ry,* by *Philip de Norton.*

1314, *Richard de Glooz. Ditto.*

1320, *Jeffrey Boteman. Ditto.*

1344, *Henry de Fordham,* by *Vincent de Norton.*

1349, *Thomas de Heydon. Ditto.*

1355, *Thomas Curson,* to *All-Saints,* by *Roger Gerberge.*

1356, *Robert Curson,* by *Eleanor,* late wife of *Roger Gerberge.*

1356, *John Hubert,* to St. *Peter's,* by *Vincent de Norton.*

1357, *Richard Nicholls,* by the Bishop, a lapse.

1358, *William Lacthon,* by the Bishop, guardian of the heir of *Roger Gerberge.*

Thomas Heydon, rector.

1359, *John de Elford,* to *All-Saints,* by the Bishop, as guardian of the heir of *Roger Gerberge.*

1361, *William de Rolleston,* to St. *Peter's,* by *William de Norton.*

1386, *Thomas Makhaut,* by *John Spoo,* and *Nicholaa his wife.*

1387, *John Clerk,* to *All-Saints,* by *William Gerbridge of Wood-Norton.*

1401, *Richard Good,* to St. *Peter's,* by Sir *Thomas Geney.*

1404, *Thomas Ryngsted,* to St. *Peter's,* by *Thomas Geney.*

John Giffe occurs rector in the 8th of *Henry* IV.

Roger Philpot, rector.

1408, *John de Thorpland,* by Sir *William Bardwell.*

1409, *Robert Folsham,* by *Thomas Gerbridge.*

1413, *John Everard,* to St. *Peter's,* by *Thomas Geney.*

1414, *Robert Hall,* to St. *Peter's,* by *Thomas Geney,* Esq.

1414, *John Bykkys,* to *All-Saints,* by *John Crane,* on account of the manor of *Linghall,* on a grant from *Joan,* relict of *William Gerbrige,* Esq.

John Kelk, rector.

1415, *John Skarlet,* to St. *Peter's,* by *Thomas Geney.*

1416, *Andrew Valentyne,* by Sir *Thomas Geney.*

1424, *Robert Syre,* to St. *Peter's,* by *John Bryston,* Esq.

1425, *Thomas Gloos,* to St. *Peters,* by *John Crane,* Esq.

1427, *Simon Blake,* to *All-Saints,* by *John Crane.*

1449, *John Thomson,* to *All-Saints,* by *Edmund Dokking,* and *Margaret* his wife.

1457, *Stephen Paly,* by *Alice Crane.*

1461, *John Shyming,* to *All-Saints,* by *Edmund Dokking,* and *Margaret* his wife.

1472, *Thomas Lenn,* by the Bishop, a lapse.

1485, *Jeffrey Howys*, to St. *Peter's*, by *William Paston*, Esq. of *London*.

1509, *James Ottis*, to *All-Saints*, by *John Savaile*, in right of his wife.

1509, *William Hayward*, by Sir *Robert Southwell*, to *All-Saints* and St. *Peter's*.

1533, *Octavian Talbot*, to St. *Peter's*, by Sir *Richard Southwell*.

1540, *John Steel*, (*ditto*;) to *All-Saints*.

1552, *Octavian Talbot*, to *All-Saints*, by the Dean and Chapter of *Christ* church in *Oxford*.

1553, *John Sankey*. *Ditto*.

1554, *John Scolt*. *Ditto*.

1556, *John Dobson*. *Ditto*.

1557, *Edward Andleser*. *Ditto*.

1579, *Edward Andleser*, S. T. B. by the Queen, a lapse.

1600, *William Marshall*, to *All-Saints* and St. *Peter's*, by *Christ* church, *Oxford*.

1616, *John Doughty*, A. M. by *Christopher Sheringham*.

1664, *Nathaniel Ganter*, by *Christ* church, *Oxford*.

1683, *Samuel Fisher*, by *Christ* church, *Oxford*.

1691, *William Faswell*. *Ditto*.

1698, *Edward Stillingfleet*, M. D. *Ditto*.

1708, *William Hodgson*. *Ditto*.

George Watson, D. D. died rector in 1750, and *Edward Whitwell* was presented by *Christ* church college in *Oxford*.

WOOD-DALLING.

In *Domesday* book called *Dallinga*, as lying in a dale or valley; thus *Dalham* in *Suffolk*, and the additional word, *Wood*, was afterwards to distinguish it from *Field Dalling* in this county.

The chief manor at the survey was in *Peter* Lord *Valoins*; *Fist*, a freeman, held it before the conquest, and was then deprived of it; there belonged to it one carucate of land, 9 villains, and 16 borderers, with 2 servi, there was one carucate in demean, 3 among the tenants, and 2 acres of meadow; when *Peter* entered on it, as lord, there was one runcus, 6 cows, 6 swine, 16 sheep, and 30 goats, and 5 socmen with 20 acres of land, and a carucate. The soc belonged to the King's manor of *Folsham*, it was valued at 40*s.* was one leuca long, and half a one broad, paid 19*d.* gelt to the King, whoever was lord of it.[9]

[9] Terre Petri Valoniensis——In Dallinga ten. i lib. ho. Fist T. R. E. i car. t're semp. viiii villi et xvi bor et ii s. semp. i car. in d'nio et iii car. ho'um et ii ac. p'ti silv. vi por. qu' recep. i r. mo. ii tc. vi an. mo. xl tc. vi por mo. xxx tc. xvi ov. mo. cxx et xxx cap. et v soc. xx ac. t're. sep. i car. soca in Folsa' Regis et val. xl sol. ht. i leug. in long, et dim in lato et redd. xix*d.* in geldu Regis q'iq; ibi tenet.

Tirus, Turald, or *Torald*, was enfeoffed of this lordship, by *Peter Lord Valoins*, and when that lord founded the priory of *Binham*, *Turald* gave 2 parts of his tithes to that priory, in the reign of *Henry* I. Sir *Ralph*, son of *Turald*, of *Wood-Dalling*, gave to the monks of *Binham*, the churches of this town and of *Ryburgh Parva*, with lands here for the soul of *Peter* Lord *Valoins*;[1] witnesses, *Reginald de Warren*, and *Alice* his wife, the Lady *Juga* his own wife, *Roger* his son, *William de Merlai*, dapifer to the Earl of *Arundel*, *Ralph de Beaufoe*, dapifer to *Reginald*, &c.

Roger, son of *Ralph de Dalling*, confirmed the aforesaid grants, and the Lady *Agnes*, widow of Sir *Adam de Rattlesden*, confirmed lands to them in this town;—witnesses, Sir *Gyles de Argenton*, Sir *Ralph Gateley*, junior, *William de Hackford*, *Richard de Bec*, &c.

William, son of *Roger de Dalling*, released to the prior all his right in a windmill and watermill, and *Richard*, the prior of *Binham*, confirmed to Sir *Ralph*, son of *Roger de Wood-Dalling*, the watermill, with the site of a windmill at *Wenescote*, and the land that *Roger* his brother held of the monks, with homages and services of divers men.

In the 34th of *Edward* I. this lordship was settled by fine, on *Simon de Rattlesden*, and *Maud* his wife in tail; remainder to the heirs of *Simon*, by *Gilbert Luvell*, &c. trustees; and in the 9th of *Edward* II. *Simon* held the 3d part of a fee of the honour of *Valoins*, and was found to die seized of it in the 14th of that King; in the 18th of *Edward* III. it was settled by fine on Sir *John de Rattlesden*, and *Alianore* his wife, by their trustees for life; remainder to *Philip* and *John*, their sons, in tail.

The *Dallings* had yet some interest here, for in the 20th of that King, *John de Dalling*, and *Maud* his wife, conveyed by fine, to *John Foxley*, &c. 5 messuages, 160 acres of land, 12 of meadow, 16 of pasture, 3 of wood, and 7*s*. 6*d*. rent in this town, *Themilthorp*, *Folsham*, &c. who reconveyed it to *John* and *Maud*, for life; remainder to *William*, son of *Roger de Shimpling*, and his heirs.

In the 36th of the said King, *John*, son of Sir *John Rattlesden*, was lord of this manor and of *Fakenham Aspes* in *Suffolk*; *Joan* was found to be his daughter and heir, married to *Robert Hovell*.

In the 17th of *Richard* II. it appears that *Robert Monceaux*, and *Joan* his wife, held (for her life,) this lordship, those of *Bradfield*, St. *Clere*, and *Weston Mercate* in *Suffolk*; this *Joan* was the daughter and heir of *Rattlesden*, before mentioned; and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Robert Monceaux* held 3 quarters of a fee here. This *Robert*, by his will, dated *April* 20, 1415, was then lord, and married 2 wives; *Joan*, relict of *Robert Hovell*, and *Margaret* who survived him; *Robert* his son succeeded him, who dying *sans* issue, *Thomas*, his brother, was his heir, and died seized of it, and of 100 acres of land in *Geystweyt*, *Refham*, &c. held of the hundred of *Eynford*, in the 29th of *Henry* VI. leaving 2 daughters and coheirs; *Margaret*, married to *William Lumner*, of *Manington*, Gent. *Lumner* bore, *sable*, on a bend, *azure*, cottised, *ermine*, 3 escallops, *gules*; and *Monceaux*, *or*, a saltire, *gules*, and on a chief of the same, 3 escallops, *argent*; *Margaret*, his widow, was the wife of *Thomas Brigge*, Esq. of *Salle*, in 1494, in which year he made his will, as may be

[1] Reg. Binham, p. 1, &c. 122, &c. 167.

seen at large in *Salle*; *William Lamnor*, son of *William* and this *Margaret*, sold this lordship, as it seems, to *Thomas Briggs*, aforesaid, who in his will, abovementioned, orders a gravestone to be laid over *Matilda Monceaux*, in the church of *Wood-Dalling*, she being, as I take it, sister of *Margaret* his wife, and the other daughter and coheir of *Thomas Monceaux*, aforesaid.

After this, it was possessed by Sir *Henry Heydon*, in the reign of *Henry* VII. and in the year 1552, Sir *Christopher Heydon* was lord; from the *Heydons* it came to the *Bulwers*, a family of good antiquity in this town; *John Bulwer* was living here in the 2d of *Henry* VI. *Roger Bulwer* the elder, by his will, dated in *September*, 1512, desires to be buried by his father, in St. *Thomas's* chapel, in *Wood-Dalling* church;[2] and gives the manors of *Halwood* and *Hardegrey's*, to *John* his son; *William Bulwer* was living in 1534; see in *Geistwick*.

On *May* 16, in the 8th of *Charles* I. *Richard Bulwer* of this town, Gent. and *John Bulwer*, merchant of *London*, convey to Sir *John Hobart* of *Blickling*, the manors of *Wood-Dalling*, alias *Monceaux*, *Halwode* and *Hardgrey's*, in this town; and in this family it remains.

Walter Giffard Earl of *Bucks* had a lordship here, of which 5 freemen were deprived, containing 70 acres of land, 2 carucates and an half, &c. of meadow, always valued at 10s. and the soc was in the King's manor of *Folsham*

This came from the *Giffards*, by marriage, to the Earls of *Clare*.[3]

Thomas, son of *Jordan*, held in the 8th of *Edward* II. two fees and an half here, in *Laringset*, &c. of the honour of *Clare*.

Margaret, late wife of Sir *William Wichingham*, died seized of *Holwode-Hall*, held by the 8th part of a fee; and *Henry Linge* and his parceners were found to hold it of the honour of *Clare* in the 3d of *Henry* IV.

Thomas Jordan held a 4th and 8th part of a fee, of the said honour, in the 3d of *Henry* VI. *Thomas Brigge* of *Salle* died lord of *Hardegrey's* manor here, in 1444, and *Thomas Brigg*, Esq. died lord in 1494, of *Holwood Hall*.

Roger Bulwer the elder was lord of *Holwood* and *Hardegrey's*, in 1512, and left them to *John* his son, held of the honour of *Clare*.

In the 8th of King *Charles* I. *Richard Bulwer* was lord, and *Edward Bulwer* in 1700.

The Earl *Warren* had a lordship here and in *Thirning*; 5 freemen were deprived of their lands in *Dalling*, and one freeman of his in *Thirning*; among these there were 3 carucates and an half, with 2 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 20s. at the survey at 30s. and came to the Earl by an exchange for lands at *Lewes* in *Sussex*.[4]

Thomas Watton held half a fee of the Earl *Warren*, when King *Henry* the Third's sister was married to the Emperor; and in the said reign a fine was levied between *Maud*, late wife of *Roger Nugun*, and *Ralph de Nugun* her son, whereby she grants to him her dower

[2] Reg. Johnson, fol. 154.

[3] Terre Walteri Giffardi. In Dalingha' v libi. ho'es. lxx ac. t're. tc. et p. ii car. et dim. mo i et dim. et dim. ac. p'ti. sep. val. x sol. soca in Folsha' Regis.

[4] T're. Willi. de Warrenna. In Dalling v libi. ho'es. et in Tyrninga i lib. ho. &c. intr. omn's semp. iii car. et dim. et ii ac. p'ti. silv. viii por. tc. val. xx sol. mo. xxx est p. escang. de Laquis.

here, excepting 8 acres of land in demean, and the rents and services of several persons, and villains; *Ralph* paying to her 6s. 8d. *per ann.* for life.

In the 15th of *Edward* I. the Earl *Warren* claimed view of frank pledge, assise of bread and beer of his tenants here.

John de Noioun died in the 15th of *Edward* III. seized of lands, *Beatrix* his wife surviving, and *John* was found to be his son and heir, aged 14; this *John*, in the 35th of that King, was found to die seized of lands, and to hold the 4th part of a fee of *Michael Poynings* in this town, and *Salle*, and *John Jernegan* was his cousin and heir.

Jane, late wife of *John Benefeld*, held here, &c. in the time of *Henry* IV. half a fee of the dutchy of *Lancaster*.

Francis Mapes of *Rollesby* in *Norfolk*, Gent. by an inquisition taken *January* 15, in the 14th of *Charles* I. was found to die on *March* 9, last past, and held lands of the King in soccage, by fealty, leaving 2 daughters and coheirs; ——, wife of *John Guibon*, and *Ann*, unmarried.

CRABGATE LANCASTER MANOR.

This lordship, in 1603, belonged to Sir *Edward Coke*, Knt. attorney general;[5] and in 1662, Sir *Thomas Rant*, Knt. had it. In the 9th of *William* III. 1697, *Arthur Branthwayt*, Esq. held his first court here, in which family it continued till 1766, when *Miles Branthwayt of Gunthorp*, Esq. conveyed it to *William Wigget Bulwer* of *Heydon*, Esq. who is the present lord.

The fines are at the lord's will.

Luton fee extended also into this town.

DALLING'S, ALIAS BULWER'S PEDIGREE.

Tyrus, or *Turold de Dalling*, who was enfeoffed of the lordship of *Wood-Dalling*, as also of that of *Bynham*-priory in *Little Ryburgh*, by *Peter* Lord *Valoins*, who had it from the Conqueror, was ancestor of this family, and when the said Lord *Valoines* founded the priory of *Bynham*, *Turold* gave 2 parts of his tithes to that priory.[6]

Sir *Ralph de Dalling*, son of *Turold*, gave the monks of *Bynham* the churches of *Wood-Dalling* and of *Little-Ryburgh*, with lands in each parish.

Roger, son of Sir *Ralph*, confirmed the aforesaid grant, to which Lady *Juga*, wife of Sir *Ralph*, *Roger*, and *Roger* his sons, &c. were witnesses.

William, son of *Roger de Dalling*, released to the prior of *Bynham*, all his right in a wind-mill, and water-mill, &c. and *Richard* the prior confirmed to Sir *Ralph*, son of *Roger de Wode-Dalling*, the water-mill, with the site of a wind-mill in *Wenescote*, and the land of that *Roger*, his brother, held of the monks, with the homages and services of divers men.

[5] From the court rolls of the manor, *pen. Gul. W. Bulwer, arm.*

[6] See vo'. vii. p. 169.

Ralph de Dalling, in the 4th of King *John*, released 10 acres of land belonging to the church of *Ryburgh Parva*, to the prior of *Bynham*.

Peter Fitz Ralph de Wood-Dalling gave to the prior, with the assent of *Thomas* his son and heir, and *Lefguena* his wife, lands in *Little Ryburgh*.

The son of the said *Peter* gave them lands there also.

In 1283, *Simon de Dalling*, and *Isabel* his wife, purchased in *Gissing*, a manor which was afterwards called *Dalling's*, alias *Dawling* manor, of *John*, son of Sir *Richard de Boyland*.[7] They left issue, *John de Dalling* or *Wode Dalling*, who in 1335, settled it on *Maud* his wife, and in the 20th of *Edward* III. they conveyed by fine, to *John de Foxley* and others, 5 messuages, 160 acres of land, 12 of meadow, 16 of pasture, three of wood, and 7*s*. 6*d*. rent in *Wood-Dalling*, *Themilthorp*, *Foulsham*, &c. who reconveyed it to *John* and *Maud* for life; remainder to *William*, son of *Roger de Shimpling*, who married their daughter.

In 1313, *John de Dalling* had *Bintre* manor, in *Itteringham*, in right of his wife, *Maud de Bintre*.[8]

By the pedigree taken out of the *Herald's office*, it appears that the family divided, and that one branch which descended from *John Dalling*, alias *Bulwier*, of *Woodallinge*, became many years since extinct, and that *Simon Dallinge*, alias *Bulwere*, of *Wood-Dallinge*, is the ancestor of the other branch, and from whom the present family is descended.[9]

John Dallinge, alias *Bulwier*, of *Woodallinge*, who bore for his coat armour, *gules*, on a chevron ingrailed, between three eagles reguardant, *or*, as many ogresses, married *Margaret*, the daughter of *John Smith*, by whom he had *Roger*, his son and heir, who was the father of *William*, who by *Thomasine*, daughter and coheir of —— *Gage*, had *Richard*, who about the year 1582, built *Dalling-Hall*,[1] and gave it with part of the demesne lands, to *Robert*, his 2d son; but the manor and lordship of *Wood-Dallinge*, alias *Dalling-Hall*, alias *Monceaux*, *Halwood*, *Noijons*, and *Hargraffe*, with the house and estate at *Churchgate*, in *Wood-Dalling*, went to *William*, his eldest son, who in 1632, with his son *Richard*, conveyed it with his estates, also in *Thurning*, and *Kerdeston*, to Sir *John Hobart*, Knt. and Bart. in whose family they still remain.

This branch of the family ending here; we shall speak now of *Simon Dallinge*, alias *Bulwere*, of *Wood-Dallinge*, ancestor of the present branch.

He married *Margaret*, daughter and heir of *Robert Mouny* or *Mouncy*, of *Wood-Dallinge*,[2] and bore for his coat armour, *gules*, on a

[7] See vol. vi. p. 476.

[8] See vol. v. p. 176.

[9] Ex stem. hujus fam. cum armis delineat. penes Guli. Bulwer, Armi.

[1] There were in 1762, in the windows of the said house, which is a brick building, and stands about a mile distant from the church, the following arms, the date 1584; Bulwer and Gage, quarterly, impaling Thwayte; Bulwer, 1st and 4th, gules, on a chevron engrailed, between three eaglets reguardant, or, as many ogresses; Gage, 2d and 3d, quarterly, azure, and argent, in a saltier, gules, an annulet, or; Thwayte, argent, on a fess, sable, between three fleurs de lis, gules, three bezants. The same arms are in the house at Churchgate, carved upon the wainscot in the parlour.

[2] From the pedigree.

chevron, between three eaglets, regardant, *or*, as many cinque foils, *sable*, which arms have ever since been borne by his descendants.

Roger, his eldest son, had *Simon*,[3] who by *Joan* daughter of *Peter Alleyn* of *Woodallinge*, was the father of.

Roger Bulwer of *Gestwick*, Esq. eldest son and heir, who having in the 9th year of Queen *Elizabeth*,[4] purchased the manor of *Broseyard's*, and *Norton-hall* in *Gestweyt*, with the demesne lands of Sir *Christopher Heydon*, Knt. was the first of the family that settled at *Gestwick*.[5] He was impropriator, patron of the vicarage, and lord also of the manors of *Gestwick*, and of *Mendham-Denums* in *Gestwick*; all which manors, &c. have ever since continued in the family. His first wife was *Ann*, the youngest daughter of *William Bulwer*, of *Wood-Dallinge*, Esq. by the coheir of *Gage*, and great-grand-daughter of *John Dallinge*, alias *Bulweir*, of whom we have before spoken. The issue by this marriage is extinct. His 2d wife was *Christiana*, daughter of *John Browte*, Gent. by whom he had

Edward Bulwer of *Gestwick*, Esq. his son and heir, who married *Anne*, sole daughter and heir, of *William Becke*, of *Southropps*, Esq.; by her he had 3 sons, *Roger*, *Edward*, and *William*.

William, the youngest, died without issue, as did also *Edward*, the 2d son, in 1661, in the 70th year of his age, and lies buried in *Dalling* church, under a marble stone. He built the west front of the mansion house near the church, in *Wood-Dalling*, the seat of the late *William Bulwer*, Esq. and which now belongs to *William Wigget Bulwer*, of *Heydon*.

Roger Bulwer of *Gestwick*, Esq. eldest son, married *Elizabeth* daughter of ——— *Cocks*. He was succeeded by his eldest son and heir,

Edward Bulwer of *Gestwick*, Esq. who in 1645, married *Anne*, the sole daughter and heir of *William Younge*, of *Kettlestone* in *Norfolk*, clerk, descended from the *Youngs* of *Rimwell* in *Essex*, by whom he had 3 sons;[6] he died *April* 23, 1697, aged 74, and was buried with his ancestors at *Gestwick*.

Edward Bulwer of *Wood-Dalling*, Esq. the eldest son, was, the 27th of *March*, 1689, sworn one of the gentlemen in ordinary of his Majesty's most honourable privy chamber.[7] He married *Hannah*, daughter and heir of *George Peryer* of *Godalming* in *Surry*, descended from the ancient stock of the *Peryers*, of *Peryers-Green* in *Sussex*; he died without issue, and lies buried in *Dalling* church.

John, 2d son, died single, and was buried there also.

William, 3d and youngest son, on the decease of his brothers, succeeded to the estate; he had 3 wives; *Ann*, his 1st wife, was the daughter of *Peter Elwyn*, of *Thirning*, Gent. by whom he had one son, *Edward*, who died unmarried, and 2 daughters. By *Margaret* his 2d wife, daughter of *Edward Britiffe* of *Baconsthorp*, Esq. and sister of *Robert Britiffe* of *Norwich*, barrister at law, he had one daughter. By his 3d wife, *Frances*, daughter of *Edmund Lee* of *Fulmodeston*,

[3] Simon had several sons and daughters; from Thomas, the youngest son, the Bulwers of *Haynford* and *Buxton* were descended.

[4] Ex. Evid. Gulielmi Bulwer, Armi.

[5] He lies buried in the chancel of the parish church of Gestwick; as do also his two wives, with many of his posterity. See p. 218.

[6] See p. 218.

[7] Le Clerc's Historical Dict.

In Memory of
William Bulwer
late of Wood-Dalling Esq.
lineally descended
from the Bulwers
of Wood-Dalling &
last Male
of that ancient family
He died the 30th of May 1755
Aged 60.
To the Memory of
DOROTHY
late Wife of
WILLIAM BULWER
of Wood-Dalling Esq.
She was third Daughter of the Rev.d
M.r WILSON of SWITHEY in this County
Who was descended from an ancient
family in the County of Leicestershire
She departed this Life
the 22.d day of March
1748.
Aged 38.

Gent. descended from the *Lees* of *Northamptonshire*, of which family was the late *Matthew Lee* of *Low Layton* in *Essex*, M. D.; he had 3 sons; *Christopher*, *John*, and *William*, and 3 daughters; *Sarah*, *Elizabeth*, and *Lydia*, all which died without issue, except *Sarah*, the eldest daughter, of whom hereafter. *William Bulwer* of *Wood-Dalling*, Esq. the youngest son, took to wife *Dorothy*, the 3d daughter of the Reverend Mr. *Wilson* of *Stiffkey* in *Norfolk*; she died the 25th *March*, 1748, and was buried in the chancel of the parish church of *Gestwick*, by whom he himself was also interred, in 1755, to whose memories a mural monument is erected on the north side of the chancel; of which the annexed plate is a representation.

By his will, dated the 5th of *May*, 1750, he gives all his manors and estates, to his nephew, *William Wiggett*, the only surviving son of *Sarah*, his eldest sister, before mentioned, by *Rice Wiggett* of *Gestwick*, Esq.[8] strictly enjoining and requiring him to take and use the name and arms of *Bulwer*; and who in 1756, agreeable to the will of his said uncle *William Bulwer*, applied to parliament, and obtained an act to confirm the same to himself and family.

The said *William Wiggett Bulwer*, Esq. married the 2d of *June*, 1756 *Mary*, eldest daughter of *Augustine Earle* of *Heydon*, Esq. and afterwards coheir of her brother *Erasmus*, by whom he has 3 sons, *William Earle*, *Augustine*, and *John*, and 3 daughters, *Frances*, *Mary*, and *Sarah*.

The temporalities of *Lewes* priory were 5*s*. Of *Ely* 22*s*. *ob*. Of *Cokesford* 9*s*. 9*d*, *ob*. Of *Norwich* 10*s*. 11*d*. Of St. *Faith's* 8*s*. 6*d*. Of *Walsingham* 12*s*. 8*d*. (This priory was found in the 4th of *Henry* VI. to hold here and in *Salle*, the fourth part of a fee of the honour of *Clare*.) Of *Bynham* priory 11*s*.

The tenths were 8*l*. 1*s*. 2*d*. deducted 1*l*. 10*s*. 2*d*.

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Andrew*, and was anciently a rectory valued at 50 marks, and the prior of *Binham* had a portion of 20*s*. *Peter*-pence was 18*d*.——The patronage of the church was in the priory, but was not appropriated to them, but a vicarage was after settled, valued at 4 marks; the present valor is 8*l*. 8*s*. 4*d*.; it consists of a nave, with 2 chapels, a north and south one adjoining to it.

VICARS, &c.

Ralph, son of *Thorald*, presented *Roger* and *Pagan*, two brothers, to the church in the time of *William Turbus* Bishop of *Norwich*.

William de Bec was presented by the prior of *Binham* in the time of *John* Bishop of *Norwich*.

Linchius de Eustachio, subdeacon to the Pope, chaplain and canon of *Rheims*, had this rectory provision, in the time of Pope *Gregory* IX. about 1266,[9] and *Octo*, the cardinal legate, testifieth it, by the gift of *Peter de Supino*, the Pope's clerk, and received the yearly rent thereof, 53 marks *per ann.* every mark to contain 13*s*. and 4*d*. sterling. In 1279, an assise was brought by the prior against *Adam de Rattlesden*, and it appears that the prior's right of patronage was allowed.

[8] See p. 218. [9] Reg. Binham.

1315, *Robert de Rungeton* instituted, presented by the prior of *Binham*

1349, *John Leche. Ditto.*

1351, *John Leche*, by the master, &c. of *Trinity-hall Cambridge*. On *November* 25, 1351, *William Bateman* Bishop of *Norwich* appropriated it to *Trinity-hall*, a pension of 1*l.* 10*s. per ann.* being reserved payable to the see, and an agreeable habitation with 20 marks *per ann.* was to be paid to the vicar; the master, &c. of *Trinity-hall* to present on every vacancy, two proper clerks, and the Bishop to choose one for the vicar.

1354, *Laurence de Littleton*, vicar.

1354, *Adam de Colby*, by the master, &c.

1388, *John Bridale. Ditto.*

1392, *John Glyn.*

1409, *John Youn.*

1411, *John Snow.*

1413, *John Wright.*

1424, *Richard Hindreys.*

1457, *Laurence Stephens.*

1459, *Edward Andrews.*

1485, *Gregory Stalon.*

1531, *Simon Grome.*

1542, *Edmund Pecke.*

1547, *Thomas Golborn.*

1573, *Edward Grenewood.*

1580, *Thomas Lewgar.*

1599, *John Turner.*

1610, *John Gibson.*

1616, *Miles Knolls.*

1629, *Edward Agar.*

1630, *Edmund Duncon.*

1662, *John Hildyard.*

1703, *Owen Hughes*, by the master, &c. of *Trinity-hall.*

1715, *William Allen*, LL.D

1733, *Francis James*, LL.D. *Ditto.*

1739, *William Thickness*, *Ditto.*

1751, *John Banson. Ditto.*

1759, *George Carr. Ditto.*

Here were the guilds of our Lady and St. *Thomas*. In 1465, *Simon Everard* gave by will, 20 marks to the fabrick of St. *Thomas* the Martyr's chapel in this church; light of our Lady in the chapel, of our Lady of Pity, St. *Andrew*, and St. *John* in the chancel.

In the 32d of King *Henry* II. a fine was levied before *John* Bishop of *Norwich*, *Ralph de Glanvile*, justices, *Richard*, the King's treasurer, *Joceline* archdeacon, of *Chichester*, *Robert de Ingleston*,[1] *Thomas de Huseborn*, *Hugh Bardolf*, *William Ruffus*, and *Robert de Wychesfield*, between the abbot of St. *Alban's*, the prior and convent of *Bynham*, and *Reginald*, son of *Ralph* of *Dalling*, of the presentation of this church, then granted to *Reginald.*

In the 10th of King *John*, an assise was brought about the right of presentation of this church, then void, claimed by *Phillip de Dalling*,

[1] Reg. Castleac. fol. 126.

against *Roger Baam*, and the jury find that *Hamo de Dalling*, father of *Philip*, presented the last rector.

A fine was levied in the 3d of *Henry* III. between *Hugh*, rector of a moiety of this church, petent, and *Ralph de Nugun*, tenent, of 3 acres of land here, released by *Ralph*, to *Hugh* and his successours.

In the south isle or chapel, are the following, on brass plates:

Orate p. a'i'a. Johis. Drave de Wooddallyng, q'i. ob'it 2 die Junii Ao. Dni. 1517.

O'te p. a'i'a. Matildæ Mouncews quæ obiit Ao. Dni. 1486, *cuj's a'ie p'piciet. Deus.*

Here lieth the body of Thomas Kemp, gent. who died 7th Aug. Ao. Dni. 1642.

O'te p. a'i'a. Catherinæ Bulwer, quæ obiit 17 *die mensis Marcii, Ao. Dni.* 1487.

O'te p. a'i'a. Rogeri Bulwer, qui obiit 26 *die Aprilis, Ao. Dni* 1483.

On a black marble stone, the arms of *Bulwer*, with this,

Hic jacet corpus Edwardi Bulwer, armigeri, qui obiit 4 *Octobris,* 1726, *ætatis suæ* 76.

In the middle isle.

O'te p. a'i'a. D'ni Edvardi Warcop, captini, qui obiit 28 *die Janu.* 1510.

Hic jacet Edvardus Bulwer, generosus, cælebs, tertius filius Edvardi Bulwer de Gestwick, gen. septuaginta annos natus, qui obiit 7 *Maii,* 1661.

On the same stone is engraved the following;

Here lieth the body of Frances Bulwer, relict of William Bulwer gent late of Wood-Dalling who departed this life Feb. 21, 1750, *aged* 82 *years.*

On a plate of brass, with 2 figures of men, is this,

O'te p. a'i'a. Joh'is Bulwer, qui obiit 9 *die Augusti, Ao. Dni.* 1517, *& p. a'i'a. Thomæ Bulwer.———filior. Rogeri Bulwer qui obiit* 16 *die Junii Ao. Dni.* 1518, *quor. a'i'ab; p'piciet. Deus amen.*

On the same stone the following,

Here lieth the body of Lydia Bulwer, daughter of William Bulwer, gent. and Frances his wife, of Wood-Dalling, who died March 21, 1726 *aged* 22 *years.*

On a large marble stone, with the arms and crest of *Bulwer*,

Here lieth the body of John Bulwer, Esq; of Wood-Dalling, in the county of Norfolk, who died February 3, 1725, *aged* 72.

On the same stone,

Here lieth the body of John Bulwer, junior, who died June 19*th* 1722, *aged* 25.

On a stone adjoining to the above,

Here lieth the body of Eliz. Bulwer, 2*d daughter of William Bulwer gent. late of Wood-Dalling, and Frances his wife, who departed this life September* 5*th,* 1742, *aged* 42 *years.*

In the north isle or chapel, on plates of brass, are the following,

O'te p. a'i'a. Matildæ Bulwer, quond. ux'is Rogeri Bulwer, quæ obiit 30 *die mensis Decemb. Ao. Dni.* 1463, *cuj. a'i'a. pp'tur Deus, amen.*

O'te p. a'i'a. Margaretæ Bulwer, uxp. ux'is Joh'is Bulwer, quæ obiit 28 *die mensis Dece'bris Ao. Dni.* 1487, *cuj. a'i'a. pp'tur Deus, amen.*

O'te p. a'i'a. Simonis Bulwer qui obiit 17 *die Jan'rij* 1504. *cuj. a'i'a. pp'tur Deus, amen.*

O'te p. a'i'a. Johis Bulwer, qui obiit 29 *die me'sis Dec'bris, Ao. Di.* 1487.

O'te p. a'i'a. Rogeri Bulwer, qui obiit 18 *die me'sis Dec'bris. Ao. Dni.* 1517.

On a brass plate in the chancel.

Hic jacet D'us Robertus Dockyng, capellan. qui obiit decimo septimo die mensis Dece'bris 1465, *cuj. a'i'a. pp'tur D's.*

FREEBRIDGE HUNDRED AND HALF.

In the grand survey, or *Domesday* book, made by King *William* I. it is wrote *Fredrebruge*, or *Fredebruge*, containing what is now called *Freebridge citra Lynn*, and *Freebridge Marshland*, taking its name from some remarkable bridge on the river *Ouse*, that part of it *citra Lynn* making the hundred, and that of *Marshland* the half hundred. Where this bridge was is doubtful, probably it was what is now called St. *German's* Bridge. The river was (we may conclude) much narrower hereabouts, in King *Alfred's* time, when hundreds were first made, than at this present time; *Dugdale* observes, that between *Wigenhale*, St. *German's*, and *Islington*, it was anciently but 12 perches over, and in King *Edward* the Third's time, a full mile[a] and by an inquisition taken in the 13th of *Edward* II. the said author mentions a bridge at *Islington*, and a causey kept at the charge of Sir *John de Ingaldesthorp*, and Sir *Robert de Scales*, lords of *Islington*, &c. in respect of the fishery granted to them, but I quere if this was over the *Ouse*.

Odo Earl of *Kent* Bishop of *Baieux* in *Normandy*, had a grant of it from his half brother, King *William* I. together with the hundred of *Smethden*, on the deprivation of *Stigand* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, who held it as a lay fee, before the conquest. *Odo*, on his rebellion against that King, was deprived of it, who granted it to *William de Albini*, his *(pincerna)* butler; his heirs (Earls of *Sussex* and *Arundel)* enjoyed it; on the death of *Hugh*, the last Earl of that family, in 1242, on a division of his estate between his 4 sisters and coheirs, this was assigned to Sir *Robert de Tateshale*, in right of *Mabel* his wife, the eldest sister, and was held by the service of being the King's butler, and paying 20 marks *per ann.*

From the Lords *Tateshale* it came by *Amy*, a daughter and coheir, to Sir *Osbert de Caily*; and by *Margaret*, sister and heir to Sir *Thomas Caily*, to Sir *Roger Clifton*, whose son, Sir *Adam*, died lord in 1366; his 2d son, Sir *Adam de Clifton*, possessed it, and his son, Sir *Robert*, on whose death in 1442 it came to *Thomas Clifton*, Esq. of *Denver*, and descended to his son *Robert*, who on *March* 16, in the 4th of *Edward* IV. let it with all its profits, to *Thomas Playters*, Esq. at 40 marks *per*

[a] Dugd. of Imbank. &c. p. 398, and 251.--Regist. Kemp, Abbat. de Bury. fol. 107.

ann. To this deed is the seal of *Clifton*, quarterly, in the first and fourth, bendy of eight, *gules* and *argent*, in the second and third, checque, *or*, and *gules*, a bend over all, *ermin*.

Soon after this, *Anthony Woodvile* Earl *Rivers* enjoyed it, and by his last will, gave it to his brother, Sir *Edward*; but in the 7th of *Henry* VII. *Robert Clifton* aforesaid died lord, and *sans* issue, when Sir *William Knevet* had livery of it, as his heir.

In the reign of King *Henry* VIII. *Charles Brandon* Duke of *Suffolk* was lord, *Thomas Grey* Marquis of *Dorset* conveying it to him in *Hillary Term, ao.* 21, by fine, on whose death it was granted to the Lady *Anne* of *Cleves*, late wife of the aforesaid King.

In the reign of Queen *Elizabeth* it was in the Crown, and farmed at 20*l. per ann.* On *June* 15, *ao.* 9 of *James* I. *Richard Hovell*, Gent. in consideration of 100*l.* had a grant of it, with the courts, letes, fines, rents, &c. and was held by one fee.

The ancient place of holding this hundred's court was at *Flitcham-Burgh*, where is a tumulus, &c. about a mile from the town, (of which see there,) on the road to *Sharnburn*. In the 3d of *Elizabeth*, it appears, from a rental of Sir *Richard Southwell's*, that his manor of *Walsoken* paid then to the Queen's bailiff of the hundred, 40*s. per ann.* suit of court, held under an oak, at *Gaywood*, near *Lynn*, and was called *Gaywood* Oak-fee.

After this, the court was held at an oak at *Wigenhale*, St. *German's*, called *Fitton* Oak, in a farm of that name belonging to the town of *Lynn*, the Duke of *Norfolk* being lord, but it has been discontinued about 30 years.

In the 18th of *Edward* II. the hundred of *Freebridge citra Lynn* was rated at the twelfth part of any public payment for the whole county; and the *Marshland* part was rated at a third part of the aforesaid twelfth part.

In the 52d of *Henry* III. this hundred and half, with those of *Clackclose* and *Smethden*, had a grant to hold pleadings *de fine* at *Lenne*.[2]

APPLETON.

This name is partly *British*, and partly *Saxon*, being derived from *Ab* or *Av*, which signifies, and is the name of a river in *Wales*, and the *Saxon Ton* or *Tun*, a town;[3] thus in the Itinerary of *Antoninus*, *Appleby* is wrote *Aballaba*, seated on the river *Eden* in *Westmoreland*, and *Appledore* in *Kent* on the river *Rother*; and thus the river *Avon* in *Northamptonshire*, *Leicestershire*, *Warwickshire*, &c.

In *Domesday* book it is wrote *Apletuna*, and *Appletuna*, and was

[2] P'lita Coronæ Anno 52 Hen. III. R. 31. [3] See Baxter's Glossarium, p. 1.

then divided into 2 lordships; *Rr. Bigot*, ancestor to the Earls of *Norfolk* of that name, was lord of one.

This was held in King *Edward's* time by *Aba*, under *Stigand* the Archbishop, for a manor, and had 2 carucates of land, 20 borderers, 2 servi, and 10 acres of meadow; there were 2 carucates in demean, and 4 and an half among the tenants, &c. valued at the survey at 50s. *per ann.* but before that at 40s. and there was a church then endowed with 12 acres, valued at 12*d.*[4]

The family of *De la Rokele* was very early possessed of this manor, held by them of the family of *de Vallibus* or *Vaux*, and they of the *Bigots*; in the time of King *John*, *Richard de Rupella*, or *Rokele*, was lord in the 22d of *Henry* III. *Oliver de Vaux* granted by fine, to *Richard de Rupella*, several lordships in *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, to be held of him by the service of five knights fees; and in the 43d of the said King, Sir *Richard de Rokele* of *Appleton* was a witness to a deed of Sir *Richard de la Rokele* of *Wokendon* in *Essex*, of the manor of *Gately* in *Norfolk*.

In the 14th of *Edward* I. *Richard*, son of *William de la Rokele*, claimed the advowson of the church of *Appleton*, from the prior of *Westacre*, who is said to hold it unjustly, which *Richard de Rupella*, grandfather to this *Richard*, gave to that priory.

In the 16th of the said King, he was found to hold 5 knights fees here, in *Watton*, *Trouse*, &c. (on the death of *John de Vaux* in that year) of the said *John*. This *Richard*, in the 25th of the said reign, had the King's license to give to the abbot of St. *Bennet* of *Holm*, his manor of *Grangville* in *Stoke Crouch*,[5] in exchange for several tenants in *Appleton*, *Newton*, *Sandringham*, and *Wolfreton*.

Richard de la Rokele occurs lord in the 9th of *Edward* II. when the prior of *Flitcham's* manor was found to extend into this township; but in the 20th year of *Edward* III. *William de la Rokele* was found to hold one fee here of the Lady *Ross*, the Lady *Margery*, relict (as I take it) of *William* Lord *Ross* of *Hamlake*, a descendant of *William de Ros*, who married *Maud*, daughter and coheir of *John de Vaux*.

Afterwards it came to the *Copledikes*; Sir *John Copledike* held it in the 9th of *Richard* II. and in the 3d year of King *Henry* IV. *John Copledike* was found to hold it by one fee of the heirs of Lord *Ross*, and they of the King; but in the 18th of *Edward* IV. it was conveyed by fine from *John Copledike*, and *Margaret* his wife to *John Coket*; and *Anthony Coket*, Esq. conveyed it in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. to *John Conysby*, with the manor of *Newton*, *viz.* 20 messuages, 1000 acres of land, 100 of meadow, 200 of pasture, 100 of wood, 1000 of furze and heath, and 6*l. per ann.* rent, in *Appleton*, *Newton*, *Sandringham*, *Flitcham*, &c. which *Ann Cocket* held for life; and *Humphrey Coninsby*, Esq. was lord in the 4th of *Elizabeth*. After this, it came to the *Pastons*.

In 1571, *Clement Paston* enjoyed it, the famous sea captain who built *Oxnede* hall, lately the seat of the Earl of *Yarmouth*; he was 4th son of Sir *William Paston* of *Paston* in *Norfolk*, by *Bridget* his

[4] Terra Regis Bigoti, hundr. et dim. de Fedebruge.

Applatuna ten. Alba ii car. t're. p. m. de Stigando sep. xx bor. et ii ser. x acr. p't. et ii car. in d'nio. et ilii car. et dim. ho'um. tnc. i r. tnc. vi por. mo. xxxv tnc. liii ov. mo. xiiii et val. tnc. xl sol. mo. l et ten. ide'. ecclie xii ac. et val. xiid.

[5] Reg. Hulm. p. 14.

wife, daughter of Sir *Henry Heydon*; *Clement* left it by will, to Sir *Edward Paston*, and died in 1597; Sir *Edward* was his nephew, son of Sir *Thomas Paston*, (5th son of Sir *William Paston* aforesaid,) and his Lady *Agnes*, daughter and heir of Sir *John Leigh* of *Addington* in *Surry*, Knt. this Sir *Edward* built *Appleton-hall*, and married *Margaret*, daughter of *Henry Berney*, Esq. of *Reedham* in *Norfolk*, by whom he had *Thomas*, his eldest son, from whom the *Pastons* of *Berningham* in *Norfolk* are descended. *William*, his second son, had this manor, and married *Agnes*, daughter and coheir of *William Everard* of *Lyngstead*, in *Suffolk*, Esq. by whom he had *William* his son, lord of *Appleton* in 1664, who by *Mary* his wife, daughter of *James Lawson* of *Brough* in *Yorkshire*, had *William Paston* of *Appleton*, Esq.; in this family it still remains; *William Paston*, Esq. of *Horton* in *Wiltshire* is lord.

The seat of this family, a very agreeable handsome pile, was burnt to the ground in 1707, and the family was in great danger of being burnt in their beds, if a shepherd had not wakened them; on this, they removed to *Horton* in *Wiltshire*, and in 1720, *John Paston*, Esq. resided there, and was lord also of that place.—The hall seems to have been built in 1596, that date being on the gate-house, or lodge leading to it.

Another lordship in this village was granted to *Peter de Valoins*, a *Norman* chief, who held at the survey, *Dersingham*, to which town this was a beruite, and *Babingley* in this hundred; *Culvesthorp* in *Smethden* hundred; *Patesley* and *Gateley*, in *Launditch* hundred; *Snoring*, *Ryborough Parva*, and *Saxlingham* in *Gallow* hundred; *Ryborough Magna*, *Testerton* and *Rudham* in *Brothercross* hundred; *Gunthorp* and *Edgefield*, in *Holt* hundred; *Binham Etdurella*, (*Wells*,) *Berlei*, (*Berney*,) *Walsingham* and *Holkham*, in *North-Greenhow* hundred, and *Dalling*, in *Einsford* hundred.

Turgis held it under *Valoins*; there were then 2 carucates, one was demean land, and 5 borderers, 7 acres and an half of meadow, one servus belonging to it, and it was valued with the lordship of *Dersingham*, where see further of the Lords *de Valoines*.[a]

Part of this was granted to the prior of *Flitcham*, who in the 9th of *Edward* II. was found to have a lordship here; and in the 6th of *Richard* II. *Thomas de Flitcham* aliened with others, to this priory, a messuage, 4 tofts, 133 acres of land, with the rent of 45*s. per ann.* in this town, *Flitcham*, *Hillington*, &c. and the temporalities of the said house in 1428, were valued at 45*s.* in this village, and concealed lands here were granted by Queen *Elizabeth September* 2, *ao.* 20, to *John Farneham* lately the prior of *Flitcham's*.

In the 13th of *Edward* II. a fine was levied between *John de Insula*, (*L'Isle.*) junior, and *John de Birston* and *Margaret* his wife, of a messuage, 97 acres of land, and 6*s.* rent *per ann.* settled on *de Insula* in *Appleton*, *Newton*, *Flitcham*, &c.; and in the 16th of *Edward* III. another was levied between *Ralph de Hynton*, and *Beatrix* his wife, and *Thomas de Castle-Rysing*, *John Atteforth*, and *John Maupas*, clerks, of 4 messuages, 211 acres of land, 15 of meadow, 12*s.* and 6*d.* rent here, &c. which *Mary de L'Isle* held for life, conveyed from the heirs

[a] Terre Petri Valoniensis.——In Appletuna tenet Turgis i beruita que sep. jacet huic manerio (viz Dersingham) i car. t're. et i car. in d'nio. tnc. et p. iii bor. mo. v et vii ac. pt'i. et dim. tnc. et p. i serv. tnc. c. ov. mo. ii ov.

of *Beatrix*, to *John Maupas*.—*Jeremy Wodehouse*, and *Anne* his wife, *William Daubeney*, junior, and *Cecilia* his wife, *Henry Usher*, and *Margaret* his wife, conveyed also in the 31st of *Henry* VI. several messuages, and great parcels of land here, in *Newton*, and *Flitcham*, &c. to *John Lovell*; afterwards the *Cobbs* of *Sandringham* held this manor. In the 20th of *Elizabeth*, *William*, son of *Jeffrey Cobbe*, had livery of a lordship in *Appleton*; from the *Cobbs* it came to Sir *Edward Atkins*, and to *Joseph Host*, Esq. and so to *Henry Cornish Henely*, Esq. as in *Sandringham*, his manor of *Babingley* extending here.

The temporalities of the prior of *Westacre* in this town were valued in 1428 at 41*s. per ann. Robert Dogget*, in the 12th of *Henry* III. granted lands by fine to that prior.

In this town (which now consists of about 4 or 5 houses) a coin of *Antoninus Pius* was found.

The CHURCH was dedicated to St. *Mary*; the rectory was appropriated to *Westacre* priory, and valued at 5*l. per ann.* and a vicarage was on this settled; the present valor of it is 8*l. per ann.*; the patronage of it is in the *Pastons*, who are also impropriators of the rectory; *Peter*-pence were 8*d.*

The church is mostly in ruins; it was covered with lead, and had a round tower, and is a single pile; I found horses chained together in the porch, and in the church, both in a filthy condition, and no door to the church.

At the east end lies a gravestone

In memory of Frances ——, widow of Edward Paston of B——, Esq; who died Feb. 15, 1665, *daughter to Sir John Sydenham of Brympton in Somersetshire.*

On another,

Agnes Paston Gulielmi Everard, de Linstead, filia, vidua Gulielmi Paston, armig. mundanis vere vidua, in charitate clara. obt. XI. *die Apr. A. D.* 1676, *ætat. suæ* 73.

On a third,

Hic requiescit corpus Tho. Paston, militis, obt. apud Congham.

Henry Daniel of *Appleton*, Gent. was buried in this church in 1498, and *Robert Daniel* his son in 1539.

Southward of the church, about 50 yards, is a curious spring, called *Holy-Well*, and a little stream or rivulet proceeds from it.

Philip Sidenham occurs rector in the time of King *John*, presented by *William de la Rokele*, and in the 14th of *Edward* I. the prior of *Westacre* had license of having the advowson granted to him from *Richard*, son of *William de la Rokele*.

VICARS.

1310, *William de Mildenhale*, vicar by the prior, &c. *Westacre*.
1314, *Richard de Synterle* *Ditto.*
1329, *John de Wesenham.* *Ditto.*

1349, *Robert Man de Gothirst*, by the prior, &c. of *Westacre*.
1355, *William Portman*. *Ditto*.
1361, *William*, son of *Simon Smith*, by the prior, &c. of *Castleacre*.
Richard Pulling.
1367, *William Buntyng*, by the prior, &c. of *Westacre*.
Simon occurs vicar in 1377.
1389, *Thomas Laurence*. *Ditto*.
1392, *John de Holmesle*. *Ditto*.
1407, *Thomas Atefen*, (an exchange for *Creting* St. *Olave's*.) *Ditto*.
1410, *Thomas Sewale*, (an exchange for *Fornham Genev.*) *Ditto*.
1412, *John Cartere*. *Ditto*.
1414, *Robert Perlyngton*, (an exchange for *Dunton*.) *Ditto*.
1417, *John Amy*. *Ditto*.
1418, *Robert Perlyngton*. *Ditto*.
1426, *John Clerk*. *Ditto*.
1492, *Richard Jewylham*, collated by the Bishop, on a lapse.
1528, *Richard Howton*, by *ditto*.
1531, *Henry Bickham*, by the prior, &c. of *Westacre*.
1581, *Robert Bonning*, by the Queen.
1584, *John Gibson*. *Ditto*.
1591, *Robert Feilden*, by *William* and *Clemenl Paston*, Esq.
1620, *James Webster*, licensed curate; the vicarage valued at 8*l*.
Stephen Beaumont, curate.
1705, *Thomas Gill* had the sequestration.
1705, *William Day*, presented by *Joseph Coldham*, assignee of, —— *Paston*, Esq. in the Court of Augmentation.

In the account of the receiver-general, in *Henry* the Eighth's time, 7*l*. *per ann.* was allowed to the vicar, and called a perpetual pension, by the receiver, *ao.* 18th of *Elizabeth*.

ANMERE.

ORGAR, a *Saxon* freeman, was the principal lord of this village, before the conquest, when being deprived of it, it was given to *Eustachius* Earl of *Boulogne*, in *Normandy*, who succeeded *Orgar*, also, in the lordships of *Massingham Parva*, in this hundred, and that of *Frenge* in the hundred of *Docking*, (or *Smethden*.). *Eustachius* was also lord of *Witchingham*, in the hundred of *Einsford*, of *Neyland* in that of *Humbleyard*, and of *Thorp*, in that of *Depwade*, and was probably son of *Eustace* Earl of *Bologne*, who married a sister of *Edward* the Confessor.

It contained two carucates of land, one villain, 6 borderers, 4 servi, &c. two carucates in demean, and half a one among the tenants, a fishery, the moiety of a salt-pit, &c. and was valued at 40*s*. *per ann.* Besides this, six freemen held of him one carucate of land,

and 2 borderers, a carucate with a salt-pit, valued at 15s. and 4d. *per ann.* *Eustace* claimed those freemen by a grant from the Conqueror: the whole was one leuca long, and 5 furlongs broad, and paid 4½d. to a 20s. gelt; and there were 3 socmen who had 30 acres, who were delivered to *Osmund*, and one socman with 8 acres, valued at 5s. *per ann.*[7]

Osmond held it under *Eustachius*, and *Wido Angevin* after *Osmund*, being his nephew.

Out of this arose 2 lordships or manors, called afterwards *Anmere Hall* manor, and *Bereford* manor.

ANMERE HALL.

In the 6th year of King *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *Hervey*, son of *Richard de Dokking*, querent, and *Ralph Picot*, impedient, of one carucate of land, in *Anmere* and *Wolferton*; *viz.* of all the land which *Sayer de Biskele* held of *William Picot*, father of *Ralph*, in the said towns, with one capital messuage, and the advowson of the church of *Anemere*, released to *Hervey*, to be held of *Ralph*, and his heirs, by 40s. yearly rent, and doing the service of one knight's fee. This *Hervy* (son of *Richard de Dokking*) being lord of *Stanhow*, assumed that surname. By 2 fines levied in the 9th of the said King, *Hervey de Stanho* being lord of a manor in *Anmere*, impleaded *William Rustein*, and *Wymar*, son of *William*, for customs and services due to him out of lands here, which were acknowledged to belong to *Hervy*; and in the 12th of that King, *Ida*, widow of *Saer de Biskele*, conveyed lands here to the said *Hervey*; but in the 24th year of the said King *Henry*, *Hervey de Stanhow* conveyed to *Laurence de Flemen*, and *Maud* his wife, several lands with 3s. and 5d. rent here, and in *Wolferton*, acknowledging the same, with the advowson of this church, to be as a dower to the said *Maud*.[8] After this, in the reign of King *Edward* I. it came into the family of the *Calthorps*, as heirs to Sir *Hervey de Stanhow*; Sir *Walter de Calthorp* was lord in 1284; and in 1303, Sir *William de Calthorp*, Knt. presented as lord and patron to the church of *Anmere*; and in the 5th of *Edward* III. a fine was levied, whereby it was settled by Sir *William de Calthorp* of *Burnham*, on himself for life, remainder to Sir *Walter* his son, and *Alice* his wife in tail, after to *Oliver* and his other sons; and Sir *Walter* dying *sans* issue, it descended to Sir *Oliver Calthorp*, brother of Sir *Walter*, who presented to the church in 1374: this Sir *Oliver* built on the south side of this church, a chapel, wherein he founded a chantry, endowing it with 48 acres of land, in the town of *Anmer*, appointing one of the canons of the priory of *Flitcham* to officiate therein, and to pray

[7] Terre Comitis Eustachii.——Anemere tenuit Orgar lib. ho T. R. E. ii car. t're. semp. i vill. et vi bord. tnc. iiii ser. et iii part. uni. acre semp. ii car. in d'nio. et dim. car. ho'um. et i pisc. et dim sal. tnc. xi porc. mo. viii tnc. c. ov. mo. lxxx. tnc. et p. val. xl sol. et mo. et vi libi. h. de i car. t're. et ii bord. semp. i car. et i sal. et val xv sol et iiiid. hos libo's ho'es reclamat de dono Regis. Tota hab. dim. leug. in long. et v quar. in lato et reddit iiiid. et obolu. de xx sol. de gelto et iii soc de xxx ac. qu. ten. Osmund de lib'atione et i soc de viii ac. et val. v sol.

[8] Maud was one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir Hervey de Stanhow.

for the souls of his ancestors, and his own; and the prior of *Flitcham* had a patent for it in the 45th of *Edward* III.

In 1420, the King presented to this church, on account of the minority of *John*, son of Sir *William Calthorp*; in 1432, *William Calthorp*, Esq. and in 1552, *Elizabeth Parker*, widow, which *Elizabeth* was daughter and heir of Sir *Philip Calthorp*, and married Sir *Henry Parker*, Knt. of the Bath, of *Erwarton* in *Suffolk*, who being afterwards married to *William Wodehouse*, Esq. they presented to this rectory in 1534, and 1560; and on his death, to *Drue Drury*, Esq. and they presented in 1567. In the 23d of *Elizabeth*, Sir *Philip Parker* had livery of it.

After this, *Thomas Norris*, Gent. was lord, and presented in 1624, and *Cuthbert Norris*, Esq. in 1678, who conveyed it (as I take it) to the *Coldhams*; *James Coldham*, Gent. was lord in 1705, and in this family it remains, *James Coldham*, Esq. a captain of the militia, being the present lord.

BEREFORD MANOR.

Wido Angevin, who was ancestor of the family of the *Thorps* of *Ashwell Thorp*, was lord under *Eustace*: Sir *Robert*, his descendant, wrote himself sometimes *de Massingham*, and sometimes *de Thorp*, having lordships in those towns, and held seven fees with those in *Anmere*, &c. about the year 1200, of the honour of *Bologne*. In the 21st of *Edward* I. *John de Bereford*, and Sir *Walter de Calthorp* were found to hold one knight's fee here, &c. of *William Pygot*.[a] *Robert de Bereford*, in the 9th of *Edward* II. was lord. By the escheat rolls, of the 4th of *Edward* III. *John*, son of *John de Cambridge*, was found to hold a lordship in *Anemere*, of *Robert de Thorp*; and in the 20th of that King, by the inquisition then taken, *John George* is said to hold the manor which *John de Bereford* held.

In the 23d of *Henry* VI. *John Scot* and *Henry Bataile*, clerks, demised to *Jerome Wodehouse*, Esq. this manor, which they had of the feoffment of *William Herford* of *Lenne*, to him and the heirs of his body, remainder to his brothers, *Thomas* and *John*; and in the 21st of *Edward* IV. *Richard Southwell*, *Robert Clere*, and *Bartholomew White*, Esq. appointed *Simon White*, *Robert Wodehouse*, and *Thomas Wodehouse*, Gent. sons of *John Wodehouse*, Esq. their attornies, to receive their rents due to them from the manor of *Bereford*, late *Jerome Wodehouse's*, by deed, dated *December* 12. Afterwards, in 1496, *Henry L'Estrange* of *Hunstanton* died seized of it, as appears by his will; and in the 30th of *Henry* VIII. by a fine between Sir *Thomas le Strange*, Knt. *John Wodehouse* of *Horsford*, Gent. and *Cecilia* his wife, *Francis Bedingfeld* and *Elena* his wife, it was conveyed to Sir *Thomas*, with 10 messuages, and lands in *Anmer*, *Dersingham*, &c. and in the following year, Sir *Thomas*, and his Lady *Anne*, conveyed it to *Thomas Houghton*, clerk, and *Thomas Houghton* died lord in the 35th of that King; and *Robert Houghton* was then found to be his brother and heir; and *George Houghton* in 1570

[a] Rot. Feodor.

was lord; after this, it came to the *Norrises*, and was joined to their other lordship, and so to the *Coldhams*.

William Earl *Warren* had also a little lordship, to which there belonged one carucate and a half of land, held by 4 borderers, which a free woman possessed in King *Edward's* time, and his predecessors had only the protection of her; it was valued at *5s. per ann.* *Wido* abovementioned laid claim to this, as delivered to his uncle *Osmund*, and to the Earl *Eustace*, but *William de Warren's* men disseized them.

Part of this was held by the lords of *Anmere Hall*, and of *Bereford*; and *John de Tithewell*, and the heirs of *John de Milham*, were found to hold in the 20th of *Edward* III. the third part of a fee in this town, *Snetesham*, *Sharnburne*, &c. of the Earl *Warren*, which *John de Thorp*, and *Alice* his wife, formerly held; the heirs of *John de Milham* were his 2 daughters, *Hawis* and *Elizabeth*, who were in the ward of Sir *John de Norwich*, who held it under the Earl *Warren*.

The tenths of this town were *3l. 5s. 0d.* Deducted *10s.*

The CHURCH of *Anmere* is dedicated to St. *Mary*.

In the chapel, (on the south side of the church,) built by Sir *Oliver Calthorp*, were his arms, checque, *or* and *azure*, a fess, *ermine*; also checque, or and gules, a fess, ermine, the old arms of *Thorp*; and *azure*, three crescents, *argent*, the arms of the *Thorps*.

In the chancel east window, barry of six, *or* and *azure*, a bend over all, *gules*, *Stanhow*.

In a window of the north side of the church, *gules*, a cross ingrailed, *Ingaldesthorp*.

The abbot of *Creak's* temporalities were, in *1428*, valued at *44s.* and *10d. per ann.*

RECTORS.

William de Anemere occurs 22d *Edward I.*

1303, *Reginald de Waterden*, by Sir *William de Calthorp*.

1317, *William de Horsford.* *Ditto.*

1327, *William*, son of *Ralph de Irmingland*, by Sir *William de Calthorp.*

1337, *Thomas Machen de Hindelston.* *Ditto.*

1349, *John de Banyngham.* *Ditto.*

George Hoveden.

1374, *Thomas Walrond*, (on an exchange for *Wroxhall Sar.*) by Sir *Oliver Calthorp.*

1385, *Hugh Woketon*, (an exchange for *Stretham Wint.*) *Ditto.*

1388, *John Langeton*, (an exchange for *Horwood Exon.*) *Ditto.*

1420, *William Notyngham*, by the King, on the minority of *John*, son of Sir *William Calthorp.*

1432, *Henry Notyngham*, by *William Calthorp*, Esq.

1448, *Richard Kygill.* *Ditto.*

1466, *John Coket*, by Sir *William Calthorp.*

1472, *John Danishall.* *Ditto.*

1491, *Roger Welle.* *Ditto.*

1517, *Thomas Houghton*, by Sir *Philip Calthorp*, Knt.

1541, *Thomas Moore*, by the assignees of *Philip Calthorp*, Esq.
1544, *John Watkinson*, by *ditto*.
1552, *Lancelot Thexton*, A. M. (by *Elizabeth Parker*, widow,) prebend of *Norwich*.
1554, *Edward Askewe*, by *William Woodhouse*, and *Elizabeth* his wife.
1556, *William Lion*. *Ditto*.
1559, *Thomas Howes*, alias *Athough*. *Ditto*.
1560, *John Skelton*. *Ditto*.
1567, *Richard Parry*, by *Druo Drury*, Esq. and the Lady *Elizabeth Woodhouse*, his wife.
1624, *Edmund Norris*, by *Thomas Norris* of *Anmere*, Gent.
1635, *John Parvish*. *Ditto*.
1647, *William Selby*.
Thomas Disciplin occurs rector, 1662.
1678, *John Warde*, by *Cuthbert Norris*, Esq.
1705, *William Gay*, by *Henry Eglinton*, assignee of *James Coldham* of *Anmere*.
1707, *Joseph Furse*, by *James Coldham*.
1709, *William Houghton*. *Ditto*.
1748, *Charles Buckle*, by *Charles Buckle*, Esq. *hac vice*.

Ancient valor of this church was 12 marks, *Peter*-pence 8*d*. The present valor 9*l*. and is discharged of first fruits, &c.

License to sell the lead of the chancel, and cover the same with tile, *October* 25, 1692.

Concealed lands here, in the tenure of *Jeffrey Cobbe*, being 9 acres belonging to the late priory of *Westacre*, were granted *April* 4, in the 3d of *Elizabeth*, to Sir *George Howard*, Knt

WYKEN, ALIAS ASHWYKEN, LESIATE, AND HOLT.

LEURIC, a *Saxon* freeman, held the chief lordship in *Wiche*, or *Wica*, (as it is wrote in *Domesday* book,) in the reign of King *Edward*, but the Conqueror conferred it on *Rainold*, son of *Ivo*. This *Leuric* was probably the great Earl of *Coventry*, in King *Edward's* time.

It consisted of two carucates of land, and *Roger* held it at the survey, under *Rainold*; in the Confessor's time, 12 villains belonged to it, afterwards but 7, with 3 borderers and 2 servi, with 20 acres of meadow; at the survey there was but one carucate in demean, formerly two, and one amongst the tenants, at the survey but half a carucate amongst them; seven soemen also belonged to it, who held under *Roger* 12 acres of land, 2 of meadow, and half a carucate of

land, &c. formerly 200 sheep belonged to it, at the survey but 30, with the moiety of a saltpit, or work; in Leuric's time the whole was valued at 4*l.* *per ann.* at the survey at 40*s.* *per ann.* and one carucate might be recovered; the whole was 6 furlongs long, and broad, and paid 6*d.* gelt, when the hundred was taxed at 20*s.* whoever was lord of it.[1]

Alan Earl of *Richmond* had also a small lordship here, which extended into *Bawsey*, granted him by the Conqueror, on the expulsion of *Ulwic*, a *Saxon* freeman, who enjoyed it in King *Edward's* days, consisting of half a carucate of land, held by 7 borderers, with 9 acres of meadow, also half a carucate, the moiety of a mill, and the moiety of a saltpit, valued at 5*s.* *per ann.* and *Ribald* held it of *Alan*. *Robert Malet* had seized, in *Lesiate*, on two freemen who had 60 acres, and 4 of meadow, with a carucate and a borderer, and mill, valued at 5*s.* the predecessor of *Roger Bigot* had the protection only of them.[2]

These two lordships abovementioned also extended into two little adjoining towns, *Lesiat* and *Holt*, which towns are accounted for under this town of *Wyken*; *Lesyate* is still a distant separate parish, and has a church belonging to it, but *Holt*, or *Holthouse*, has none, and is now esteemed as part of the parish of *Lesiate*.

In the 6th year of *Henry* III. *Hugh de Noiun* or *Nugun* was lord of *Wyke, Leziate*, and *Holt*; and conveyed part of the said townships by fine to *Odo*, abbot of *Caen* in *Normandy*, lord of the manor of *Wells* or *Wells* priory in *Geyton*, reserving to himself, and his men of *Wyke*, common of pasture in the town of *Holt*; and at the said time, the abbot granted to *Hugh*, 7 acres of land and 3 of meadow, with several parcels of marsh. In the 44th of the said King, a fine was levied between *John*, then prior of *Castlecre*, querent, and *Nicholas* abbot of *Caen*, of lands in *Wyke, Lesyat, Holt, Well, Geyton*, &c. and in the said year, *Amabilia de Wiken* was found to hold 2 parts of a fee here, of *Ralph Noioun*, and the fourth part of one of *Ralph Cheney*.

Henry Nugun was found in the third of *Edward* I. to hold the lordship of *Askewiken*, &c. of the honour of *Dover*, and paying to the castle guard 20*s.* *per ann.* and to have the assise of bread, beer, &c. here we find this town called *Askewyken*: *Wyke* or *Wyken*, signifies a stream or run of water, *Wi, Gui*, and *Eu*, is often added to places, and expresses alone water: *Guido, Wido*, and *Eudo*, is a *Christian* name also, and I have met in ancient deeds, where one person has at different times wrote himself under in each of those different names; the adjunct *Aske* or *Ash*, we often meet with, and is not to be interpreted (as is, and has been frequently) to signify an ash tree, or place of ashes, but an *aske, uske* or *ousy*, that is wet or watery soil.[3] In the

[1] Terre Rainaldi filii Ivonis.—Wiche ten Leuricus lib. ho. ii car terre t. r. e. mo. tenet Rog. tc. xii villi. mo. vii. sep. iii bor. et ii ser. et xx ac. pt'i. tc. ii car. in d'nio. mo. i tc. i car. ho'um. mo. dim. Hic. jacent vii soc. xii ac. t're. et ten. idem. et ii ac. p'ti. sep. dim. car. tc. v an. tc. vii por. mo. tc. cc. ov. mo. xxx tc. dim. sal. tc. val. iiii lib. mo. xl sol. et i car. potest restaurari. Tota ht. vi quar. in long. et in lato. et reddit vid. de xx sol. de gelto qu'cq; ibi teneat.

[2] Terre Alani Comitis.—In Wica et Boweseia dim. car. t're. ten. Ulwic lib. ho. T. R. E. vii bord. ix ac. p'ti. dim. car. dim mol. dim. saline, et val. v sol. tenet dim. (viz. Ribald.)

[3] Ash or Esh, is the name of a river in Hertfordshire, Derbyshire, Sussex, &c.

10th of *Edward* I. it is wrote *Askewyk*, when *Robert de Stokes*, and *Beatrix* his wife, conveyed lands to *Robert*, son of *Constantine* of *Westacre*, lying in this town; and in the 11th of *Edward* II. *Henry de Holt* and *Thomas de Fransham* had 2 messuages, with lands in *Askewyken*, *Bawsey*, *Geyton*, *Muston*, &c. conveyed to them by *Walter Ryvel* of *Ikworth*, and *Margaret* his wife.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *John de Wyken*, &c. was found to hold two parts of a fee in *Wyken*, and *Geyton*, of *John Nugon*, which *Amabilia de Wyken* formerly held.

The priory of *Wells*, in *Geyton*, appears also to have a lordship here from the grant abovementioned, of *Hugh de Noiun*, to *Odo*, abbot of *Caen*, &c. and their temporalities were valued in 1428, at 3*l.* 17*s.* 8*d. per ann.* This was afterwards granted, on the dissolution of the priories *alien*, together with that priory, to *John Wodehouse*, Esq. who had the rent of assise in *Lysyate* and *Holt*, as lord, in the 9th year of King *Henry* VI.

After this, *John Jenkin*, Gent. conveyed by fine, in the 28th of *Henry* VIII. the 3d part of the manor of *Glosthorpe*, with lands in *Wyken*, *Lesyate*, *Holt*, *Geyton*, &c. to *Thomas Thuresby*, Esq. (as in *Glosthorp*) and the said *Thomas Thorisby* died seized of the manor of *Ashwyken*, with its appertenances, in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. The *Thorisbys* seem to have lived here at this time. *Edmund Thoresby*, Esq. son of *Thomas*, by his last will, dated *December* 20, 1547, desires to be buried in the church of *Ashwyken*, appoints *Ursula* his wife executrix, and mentions his brother, *Francis Thoresby*, Esq. proved *January* 9 following.[4] In the beginning of Queen *Elizabeth's* reign, *Thomas Thoresby*, Esq. had livery of the manors of *Ashwiken*, *Bawsey*, *Glosthorp*, &c. being son and heir of *Edmund*. In this family it remained till about the year 1700, when *Francis Thoresby*, Esq. of *Geywood*, sold it to *John Drury*, Esq. who in 1675 presented to the rectory as lord.

The said *John Drury*, Esq. (a branch of the *Drurys* of *Rougham* in *Suffolk*) married *Elizabeth*, one of the daughters and coheirs of *George Fowler*, Esq. of *Weeting*, and was lord of *Holt*; from the *Drurys* it was conveyed to the Honourable *Roger North*, Esq. of *Rougham* in *Norfolk*, about the year 1700.

In 1754, *George Wright*, Esq. died seized of the manors of *Ashwicken*, *Glosthorp*, *Lesyate*, and *Holt*, with the advowsons of *Ashwiken* and *Lesyate*; and were advertised to be sold by a decree of chancery, on *January* 29, 1754. He was son of ——— *Wright*, Esq. of *Sandy Downham*, in *Suffolk*, and married a daughter of *Roger North*, Esq.

The Honourable *John Spencer*, Esq. bought them, and his widow now possesses them, or his son the Lord *Spencer*.

In the 16th of *Richard* II. *Reginald Farmer*, and others, aliened to the master of the gild of St. *Mary*, in *Le Baylle de Thetford*, one messuage called *Chapel-Hall*, another called *Chaterys*, and 26 acres of land in *Thetford*, one messuage, 80 acres of land, and 10 of pasture in *Askewyken*, with lands in *Mildenhale* and *Croxton*.

The temporalities of the prior of *Pentney*, in *Wyken*, were valued in 1428, at 18*s.* 11*d. per ann.* Those of the prior of *Westacre*, at 3*s.* 10*d.*

[4] Reg. Wymer Norw. p. 51.

Concealed lands in *Ashwyken* and *Lezyate* granted *April* 10, *ao.* 16 *Elizabeth*, to *Edmund Dyer*, and *Henry Cressener*, with the rectories of *Ashwyken* and *Lesyate*.

The CHURCH of *Ashwyken* is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and was appropriated to *Westacre* priory; the rectory was valued at 5 marks and an half, and the vicarage at 30*s.* and paid *Peter*-pence, 8*d.* and stands now charged with *Lesyate*, at 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and discharged of first fruits and tenths.

VICARS.

1316, *John de Wreningham*, presented to *Ashwyken* vicarage, by the prior of *Westacre*.
1349, *William Chapman*, vicar.
1351, *John Trot*.
John de Lexham.
1360, *William de Geyst*.
1361, *John Mersey*.
1367, *Ralph Gerard* alias *Carleton*.
1388, *Richard Stangrene*.
William Claypole.
1402, *William Reynold*.
1405, *John Marsh*.
1410, *Robert Chalke*.
1444, *Thomas Wrestlingworth*.
1456, *William Pygot*.
1459, *Robert Dawes*.
1476, *Robert Skirlagh*.
1491, *John Smith*.
1496, *Thomas Dyman*.
1508, *John Trunch*, by the Bishop, united to *Lesyate*.
1546, *John Halsted*, by the King.
1555, *Thomas Serjeant*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1569, *John Bramall*, by the assignees of Sir *Thomas Gresham*.
1589, *Peter Smith*, by the Queen.
1600, *Jordan Chadwick*, by Sir *Horatio Palavicini*.
John Bramall occurs vicar in 1604.
1608, *Osbert Howes*, by *Thomas Thursby*, Esq.
1617, *Robert Powis*, by *Thomas Thursby*.
1633, *William Holly*, by the King, a lapse.
1675, *Thomas Tyson*, by *John Drury*, Esq.
1679, *Bartholomew Algood*, by *John Drury*.
1716, *Martin Challis*, by *Elizabeth Janes*, spinster.
1757, *James Nind*, by *Philip Nind* of *London*.

About the Reformation it became a rectory, and so continues.

Out of this rectory a yearly pension was paid of 26*s.* 8*d.* The rectory-house exchanged for one belonging to *Thomas Thorisby*, Esq. by *Osbert Hopes*, with the Bishop's consent, in 1609; and the pension then paid to him, as above, of 26*s.* 8*d.* In this church was the guild of St. *Peter*.

The CHURCH of *Lesyate* was dedicated to *All-Saints*, and appropriated to the priory of *Westacre*; the rectory was valued at 5 marks and an half, and the vicarage at 30*s.*; and the patronage of it was in the priory, and paid *Peter*-pence, 6*d.*

VICARS.

1312, *Edmund de Schipedene*, to *Lesyate* vicarage, by the prior of *Westacre*.
1349, *Walter Rychey.*
1380, *Adam Crask.*
1382, *John Lovedouse.*
1390, *John Baxtere.*
1395, *John Benne.*
1397, *Edmund Baldwin.*
1400, *Thomas Halle.*
1405, *Edmund Wodehouse.*
1408, *Richard Haxere.*
1415, *Roger Sket.*
William Gameleston.
1416, *Hugh Wynehoute.*
1424, *Adam Neche.*
1441, *Bened. Whiting*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1442, *Thomas Boterell.*
1449, *Robert Dawe.*
1460, *Thomas Marum.*
1462, *John Curteys.*
1464, *Richard Sparowe.*
John Sever.
1474, *Thomas Dyman:* after this, it was united to *Ashwyken.*

In this church was the guild of St. *Mary.* Service is performed in this church every third *Sunday*, and two *Sundays* at *Ashwicken.*

BAWSEY AND GLOSTHORP

WERE two distinct villiages at the survey, called *Glorestborp* and *Bouseda*, or *Bowescia*; the first was the capital manor, and the other *Bawsey*, a beruite to it, both held by *Robert Malet*, a *Norman* baron, lord of *Eye* in *Suffolk.*

Glorestborp may take its name from the *Britons*, being by a *Gloy-Re*, that is a fair water; thus *Glouchester* or *Gloster*, from *Gloy* in *Welsh*, fair, and *Chester.* It consisted of two carucates of land, and

was held by *Godwin*,[5] a freeman, in the time of *Edward* the Confessor, then there were 8 villains, now 3, then and afterwards 3 borderers, now 5, always 3 servi, and 30 acres of meadow, 2 carucates always in demean, then half a carucate among the tenants, or men, and now, &c. 2 mills; 13 socmen belonged to it, with 40 acres of land, &c. and was valued at 55*s. per ann.*; there belongs to it one beruite, as a manor, *Bouseda*; in King *Edward's* time here was one carucate of land, then 7 villains, now 5, always 12 borderers, 3 servi, and 40 acres of meadow, one carucate in demean, and two bovates or oxgangs, among the men or tenants, with a mill, &c. one salt-pit and the moiety of another, &c. 30 sheep and 50 goats; to this beruite belonged 10 acres of land, in soccage, valued in all at 30*s.*; these two manors contain two leucas in length, and 4 furlongs in breadth, and paid 12*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.[6]

Bawsey takes its name from its site, on a winding stream or water.

William Lord *Malet* was with the Conqueror at the decisive battle of *Hastings*, and sent with the body of King *Harold*, there slain, to see it decently interred. In the Conqueror's charter to the dean and canons of St. *Martin's Le Grand, London*, he signed next to the earls, and had then the title of *Princeps*; by *Hesilia* his wife he had *Robert*, to whom the Conqueror gave the honour of *Eye*, in *Suffolk*, and about 220 manors in that county, 32 in *Yorkshire*, 3 in *Essex*, one in *Hampshire*, 2 in *Nottinghamshire*, 8 in *Lincolnshire*, and the following in *Norfolk*, besides *Glosthorp* and *Bawsey*: *Kilverston* in *Shropham* hundred; *Sasilingham* and *Shotesham*, in *Hensted* hundred; *Scoteford* in *Earsham* hundred; *Gissing*, *Burston*, and *Thorp*, in *Fringe* hundred; *Reydon*, *Shimpling*, *Thelton*, and *Semere*, in *Diss* hundred; *Wodeton* in *Lothmingham* hundred; *Horsford*, *Horsham*, *Beofeton*, and *Sproton* in *Taverham* hundred; *Bacton* and *Dilham*, in *Tunsted* hundred; *Fretton* and *Hardwick*, in *Depwade* hundred.

This *Robert* was great chamberlain of *England*, under King *Henry* I. but in the 2d year of that King was banished, and deprived of his possessions in *England*, for adhering to *Robert Curtois*, that King's eldest brother, Duke of *Normandy*.

As these manors and places had for many centuries the same lords, I shall treat of them together.

The family of *Glanville* were very early after the Conqueror's time infeoft in these lordships, under the Lord *Malet*. In the sixth year of *Richard* I. *Thomas de Arden*,[7] and *Ralph*, son of *Robert*, impleaded Sir *William de Aubervile*, and *Maud* his wife, for their portion of the inheritance of *Ralph de Glanvile*, in *Bawsey* and *Glosthorp*. This

[5] This Godwin was (as I take it) Earl Godwin, father of King Harold.

[6] Terre Roberti Malet— Gloresthorp tenuit Goduin lib. ho. ii car. t're. T. R. E. tnc. et postea viii vill. mo. iii tnc. et p. iii bord. mo. v semp. iii serv. et xxx acr. p'ti. semp. ii car. in d'nio. tnc. dim. car. hom'um et mo. silva viii porci et ii mol. hic jacent xiii sokeman de xl car. t're. quando recep. ii r. mo. i sep. viii porc. tnc xx ov. et val. lv sol. ——— Jacet etiam i beruita p. manerio Bouseda T. R. E. i car. t're. tnc. et p. vii vill. mo. v semp. xii bord. et iii ser. et xl acr. p'ti. et i car. in d'nio. et ii bou' ho'um. et i mol. silva xvi porc. et i sal. et dim. tnc. i r. et mo. et xiiii porc. xxx ov. et 1 cap. huic beruite jacent in soc. x acr. t're. et val. xxx sol. hec duo maneria ht. in long. ii leug. et iiii quar. in lat. q'cunq. ibi teneat, et redd. xii*d.* de xx sol. de gelto.

[7] Dugdale says that Amabil married Ralph de Arden, and Helewise Robert Fitz-Ralph, lord of Midleham in Yorkshire, and had each a moiety of Bawsey. —Bar. vol. i. p. 423, &c.

Ralph de Glanvile was lord chief justice of *England*, and founder of the abbey of *Butley*, in *Suffolk*; in 1171, he left 3 daughters and coheirs; *Maud*, the eldest, married to Sir *William de Aubervile*, and the other two, *Amabil* and *Helewise*, to *John de Ardern*, and *Ralph*, son of *Robert*.[7] *Glanville* accompanied King *Richard* I. into the *Holy Land*, and was at the siege of *Acon*: and bore *argent*, a chief indented, *azure*; and *Auberville*, p. fess, dauncy, *azure* and *or*, three annulets counterchanged.

The family of *Bovile* held these townships in *Henry* the Second's reign, under the *Glanviles*; and in the year 1195, *William de Glanvile* gave 100 marks to have the custody of the heir of *William de Boyvill*, till of age, with his lands, &c. in *Glosthorp* and *Bawenne*.[8] The *Bovills* descended from Sir *Philip de Bovil*, who gave lands to the priory of *Wykes* in *Essex*, in the reign of *Henry* I. which was confirmed by *Geffrey de Mandevile* Earl of *Essex*; *Pauline de Bovill* lived in the reign of King *Stephen*. This *William de Bovile*, or *Boyvill*, the heir abovementioned, was that *William* (as I take it) who married *Isabel*, daughter and heir of ——— ———, by *Basilia* his wife, 3d daughter of —— *Glanvile*, and sister and coheir of *Jeffrey de Glanvile*, of *Baketon* in *Norfolk*; for in the 3d of *Edward* II. *William de Bovill*, son and heir of *William de Bovill*, and *Isabella* his wife, was impleaded for the manor of *Alderton*, and the church of *Dallingho*, in *Suffolk*, by *William de Huntingfeld*, who was descended from *Emma*, the other sister and coheir, wife to *John de Grey*, being part of the possessions of *Geffrey de Glanvile*.

In the 7th year of *Richard* I. a fine was levied between *Roger Golafre*, and *Beatrix* his wife, and *Robert*, son of *Simon* of *Saham*, who was to hold of *Roger* and *Beatrix*, and their heirs, the mill of *Glosebrig*, by the rent of 10*s. per ann.* and in 24th of *Henry* III. *William de Bovile* was found to hold two knights fees in these townships, and was impleaded in the 34th of that King, for making a new warren in *Bawsey*, *Glosethorp* and *Leziate*, and was constituted keeper of the peace in *Suffolk*, by the aforesaid King, in his 48th year by letters patent, during his captivity after the battle of *Lewes* in *Sussex*, and in the following year, was the King's justice itinerant, to enquire of misdemeanours in the county of *Suffolk*.[9] In the 56th of the said King, a fine was levied between *John de Bovile*, querent, and *William de Bovile* deforcient, of the manors of *Creting*, *Thorp*, *Dallingho*, *Letheringham*, and *Alderton* in *Suffolk*, with those of *Bawsey* and *Glosthorp*, whereby they were conveyed to *William*, for life; remainder to *John*, and the heirs of his body; remainder to the right heirs of *William*; which *John* was probably brother of *William*, for in the 5th of *Edward* I. *John de Bovil* was found to hold these towns last mentioned, of the honour of *Eye*, and to have a gallows, assise of bread and beer, &c. This was that *John* (as I take it) who married *Petronilla*, daughter and heir of *Robert de Eccles*; *Bovil* bore quarterly, *or*, and *sable*; and *Eccles argent*, on a saltire, *gules*, two crosier staves, saltirewise, *or*, surmounted with a lion's head, of the first; and it appears by the escheat rolls, in the 30th of *Edward* I. that *William de Bovill* held 7 fees and an half here, in *Letheringham*, *Creting* and *Thorp*, in *Suffolk*, and in *Leys* in *Essex*. In the 7th of *Edward* II. *William de*

[8] Rot. Pip.—Inter Chart. Priorat. de Wykes in Cur. Recept. Sc'cii.

[9] Rymer's Fœd. v. i. R. 793.

Bovil was lord, and purchased of *William de Rungeton*, and *Mary* his wife, for 40*l.* land, &c. in *Bawsey* and *Glosthorp*.

This *William de Bovil* was son of *John de Bovile*, as I take it, also lord of *Donington*, *Wykeby*, *Letheringham*, and *Thorp*, in *Suffolk*, and in the said year, settled the manor of *Donington*, on *Richard de Wingfeld* for life, and the advowson on *Roger de Wingfeld*, for life, remainder to *William de Bovile*, son of the said *William*, in tail male; remainder to *Thomas*, son of *Thomas le Latimer*, in tail male; remainder to *Simon Fitz-Richard*, and *Nicholaa* his wife; remainder to his right heirs; and the manor of *Badingham* in *Suffolk*, with *Bawsey* and *Glosthorp*, were settled then in the same manner. By a *French* deed dated on *Wednesday* after the feast of St. *Leonard*, in the 11th year of the said reign, it was covenanted between Sir *William Bovill* of the one part, *John de Catfield*, *William de Halsworth*, clerks, Sir *Thomas de Latimer*, *Thomas* his son, *Simon le Fitz-Richard*, and *Nicholaa* his wife, and Sir *Oliver de Ingham* of the other part, that Sir *William de Bovill*, and *Joan* his wife, should hold one moiety of the manors of *Bawsey* and *Glosthorp*, for their lives, remainder to Sir *Thomas de Latimer*, and *Mary* his wife, and to *Thomas* their son, and the heirs male, of the son's body, remainder to Sir *Oliver de Ingham* and his heirs; and of the other moiety, the said Sir *William* and *Joan* to be seized for life; remaider to *Simon Fitz-Richard* and *Nicholaa* his wife; remainder to Sir *Oliver de Ingham* and his heirs; the aforesaid *Mary* and *Nicholaa* were no doubt, daughters of the said Sir *William*, and *Joan* his wife.

In the 13th of the said reign, Master *Richard Clare*, escheator on this side of *Trent*, accounted for the issues of these lordships, and that of *Badingham*, held of the honour of *Eye*, late Sir *William de Bovill's*; and it was found that *William de Bovill*, son of Sir *William* deceased, and *Joan* his wife, lately deceased, held them at his death, jointly, being enfeoft by *John de Catfield*; this *William*, the son, also a knight, married *Mariotta*, daughter of Sir *Thomas Mosel*, by *Christiana* his wife, daughter of Sir *William Latimer*, who was first married to Sir *John Carbonel*, of *Waldingfeld* in *Suffolk*; her 2d husband was Sir *Robert de Bosco*, or *Bois*, of *Fersfield*, and in 1311, she married Sir *Thomas Mosel*, who bore *argent*, a chevron between three boars heads, couped, *sable*.

This Sir *William* had by *Mariotta*, a daughter and heiress, *Margery*, who was married first to Sir *William Carbonel*, Knt. and, 2dly to Sir *Thomas Wingfield*, 2d son of Sir *John Wingfield*.

After this, disputes arose on account of the settlement of these manors, made in the 7th year, &c. of *Edward* II. abovementioned; and in *Michaelmas* term, in the 5th year of King *Edward* III. is an entry of *certiorari* upon the fine levied in *Trinity* term, in the 7th of *Edward* II. of the manors of *Bawsey*, *Glosthorp*, and *Badingham*, late *William de Bovill's*, and *William Carbonel*, and *Margery* his wife, desired a writ to summon *Nicholaa*, then widow of *Thomas de Hindringham*, and *Richard*, son of *Simon Fitz-Richard*, (her son,) who held the said manors. In the 14th of the said King, *Richard Fitz-Simon Fitz-Richard* brought the King's protection, he being then to sail with the King into foreign parts, so that there was a *supersedeas*; but in the following year they were conveyed by fine from Sir *William Carbonel*, and *Margery* his wife, to *Richard* and his heirs, from the

heirs of *Margery*; and the said *Richard* occurs lord in the 20th of the said King, and in the next year, he granted to Sir *John de Ufford*, Knt. &c. these lordships; that of *Pensthorp* and *Letheringham*, and the advowson of the priory there, in trust, as I take it.

Sir *Hamo de Felton* was lord of *Bawsey* in the 41st of the said reign, and was sued for not cleansing the several-water called *Bawsee Hee*, and for not repairing the bridge there, which was broken down, so that a precept was issued out to distrain, in St. *Michaelmas* term. About the second of *Richard* II. he sued one *John Ignor*, for hunting on his free warren at *Glosthorp*, and recovered damages. In the 2d of *Richard* II. Sir *Robert de Morley* impleaded Sir *Robert Knolls*, Knt. and *Constantia* his wife, Sir *Thomas de Felton*, Sir *John Strange*, 5 parsons or rectors of churches, one chaplain, one vicar, and 12 others, in being disseized of the manors of *Glosthorp* and *Bawsey*, with lands in *Geyton*, *Grimston*, *North* and *South Wotton* and *Rydon*, and by the verdict it was found that he was disseized by *Walter*, vicar of *Lexiate*, *William*, parson of the church of *Lucham*, and *Thomas Clogg*, chaplain, to the loss of 200*l.* and in the 13th of that King, a fine was levied between Sir *Robert Carbonel*, Knt. *John*, parson of *Wratting*, &c. querents, *John Spoo*, and *Nicholaa* his wife, deforcients, of the manor of *Bawsey*, and *Pencethorp*, conveyed to *John*, parson of *Wratting*, &c. quit of the heirs of *Nicholaa*. In the 21st of the said reign, Sir *Robert Carbonel* was found to hold at his death, with *Margaret* his wife, the manor of *Bawsey*: and *John* was his son and heir, 14 years old; and the heirs of Sir *Robert Carbonel*, and Sir *Thomas Morley*, held 2 fees in *Glosthorp* and *Bawsey*, of the Earl of *Suffolk*, of the honour of *Eye*, as appears by the inquisition taken in the 3d of *Henry* IV. In the 3d year of *Henry* V. Sir *Robert Morley*, and *Petronilla* his wife, appear from the escheat rolls, to have held the manor of *Glosthorp*, and that of *Framesden* in *Suffolk*, and *Thomas* was his son and heir, aged 24. This *Thomas* Lord *Morley* had a daughter and heir, *Margaret*, (by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Michael de la Pole* Earl of *Suffolk*,) who was married to *Thomas Ratcliff*, Esq. by whom he had *Jeffrey Ratcliff*, Esq. of *Framesden* in *Suffolk*, who on the death of his father, *Thomas*, on *December* 20, 1487, was aged 9 years; *Jeffrey* dying in 1504, left 3 daughters and coheirs, and was then found to hold the manor of *Glosthorp*, of the honour of *Eye*.

By an inquisition taken at *Bungey*, *January* 24, in the 21st of King *Henry* VIII. by a writ of *mandamus*, after the death of the said *Jeffrey*, the jury find that *Thomas Ratcliff*, Esq. settled, *December* 3, in the 18th of *Edward* IV. the manor of *Framsden* on *Jeffrey* his son by his first wife, and that *Joan Arundel*, widow of Sir —— *Arundel*, who was his 2d wife, died *September* 30, in the 15th of *Henry* VIII. —— *Eliz.* the eldest daughter of *Jeffrey*, married *Christopher Spilman*, Esq. she had a third part of the manor of *Glosthorp*, as was found by an inquisition *post mortem*, taken at *Norwich*, *January* 13, in the 21st of *Henry* VIII. and had *Elizabeth* her daughter and heir, aged 13 years, on the death of her mother, *November* 8, in the 11th of *Henry* VIII. *Alianora*, the second daughter and coheir, married to —— *Lovell*; she died *July* 27, in the 10th of *Henry* VIII. before livery was granted of her 3d part of the manor of *Glosthorp*, and left *Elizabeth* her daughter and heir, 3 years old; *Joan*, the 3d daughter

and coheir, married *John Sturgeons* of *Cranwich*, who had livery of the 3d part of the aforesaid manor in 13th of *Henry* VIII.

The lordship of *Bawsey* was held by *John Conyers*, Esq. (son of Sir *Robert Conyers*, and *Maud* his wife, daughter of Sir John *Fitz-Ralph*,) who married *Elianor*, sister and coheir of *William*, son of Sir *William Yelverton*, (Knight of the Bath, at King *Edward* the Fourth's coronation, and one of the justices of the King's Bench,) but having no issue, it descended to *Thomas Conyers*, brother of *John*, who left two daughters and coheirs; *Ann*, married to *Thomas Spelman*, Esq. of *Elingham-Magna;* and *Ela*, married to Sir *Robert Lovell*, 2d son of Sir *Ralph Lovell* of *Barton Bendish* in *Norfolk*, and brother to Sir *Thomas Lovell*, Knight of the Garter, which *Robert* was knighted at *Blackheath-field* in 1497.

Elizabeth, daughter and heir of *Christopher Spelman*, Esq. of *Stow* by *Breccles*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, one of the coheirs of *Jeffrey Ratcliff*, Esq. married first, *Edmund Dethick*, Gent. and afterwards *John Jenkyn*, Gent. who held a 3d part of the manor of *Glosthorp*, in the 22d year of *Henry* VIII. being then the wife of *Jenkyn;* and they, by fine, in the 33d year of the said King, conveyed their part to *Thomas Thorisby*, Esq.; and in the said year, *Osbert Munford*, Esq. was found to hold another third part of the said manor.

In the 30th year of the said King, Sir *William Hussey*, Knt. and *Ursula* his wife, conveyed by fine, their part and right in the manor of *Bawsey*, to *Thomas Thoresby*, Esq. This *Ursula* was one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir *Robert Lovell*, by *Ela* his wife, daughter and coheir of *Thomas Conyers*, Esq.

About the 6th year of Queen *Elizabeth*, *Thomas Thoresby*, son and heir of *Edmund Thoresby*, had livery of a moiety of the manor of *Bawsey*, and two third parts of the manor of *Glosthorp;* and *Francis Mountfort*, Esq. had livery of a 3d part of that manor, about the 22d of the said Queen, held of the honour of *Eye;* and *Jane Thoresby* presented, as lady of *Bawsey*, in 1681, and *William Thoresby*, Gent. in 1719.

After this, Mr. *Bodham* possessed it; his daughter and heiress brought it to Mr. *Roberts*, an upholdsterer in *London*, and his son, a surgeon at *London*, is the present lord.

The tenths of this town were 1*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.* Temporalities of *Westacre* priory, 10*d. per ann.* The temporalities of the prior and convent of *Norwich*, in 1428, were charged at 4*s.* 8*d. per ann.*

The temporalities of *Coxford* priory at 6*s.* 8*d. per ann.* out of a mill. *Albert Bond* gave to *God*, to the church of St. *Mary*, and the canons of *Cokesford*, half a mark *per ann.* to be received out of *Tricket Mill*, in *Bawsey;* and it appears from a pleading, in 14 of *Edward* I. that *Peter*, son of *William de Thelvetham*, with *Ascelina* his wife, *Alice* and *Margery* her sisters, were then summoned to answer to the prior of *Cokesford*'s claim, when it was found to be just, and that *Henry de Stanhow* bought the mill of *Albert;* from *Henry* it came to *Hugh de Elmham*, then to *John de Geyton*, father of the aforesaid *Ascelina*, *Alice*, and *Margery*. *William de Wermegay* gave the rent of 5*s. per ann.* out of *Bawsey* mill, to *Castleacre* priory. Concealed lands here were granted to *Edward Dyer*, and *H. Cresener*, in the 16th of *Elizabeth*, *April* 10.

RECTORS.

Oliver de Bradley.

1330, *John de Walpole*, presented by the prior and convent of *Eye*.

1334, *William de Harpham*. *Ditto*.

1349, *John de Waterden*, by the King; the temporalities of the priory then in the King's hands.

John Larke.

1354, *John de Harpele*, by the King, *ut supra*.

1356, *William de Hope*, by the prior.

1358, *Roger Stephene*. *Ditto*.

1370, *Bartholomew French*. *Ditto*.

1371, *Hugh de Derham*. *Ditto*.

1372, *Robert Gardant*. *Ditto*.

1373, *Regind. de Appilton*. *Ditto*.

137-, *Edmund de Heyford*. *Ditto*.

1381, *Richard Mason*. *Ditto*; an exchange for *Thorp-Market*.

1383, *Walter Bere*. *Ditto*.

1385, *John*, son of *Walter Drew*, by the prior &c. of *Eye*; exchanged for *Narford*.

1391, *Thomas Cowdeth*. *Ditto*; exchanged for *Bocton-Malherb* in *Kent*.

1402, *John Inglewood*. *Ditto*; exchanged for *Bedyngfeld*.

1403, *John Mecham*. *Ditto*; exchanged for *Uffeton*, *Sur*.

1404, *John Mason*. *Ditto*; exchanged for *Lund*, in *York* diocese.

John Besswyck.

1408, *Sim. Tychemersh*. *Ditto*; exchanged for *Sotteby* in *Lincoln* diocese.

1414, *William Cranemere*. *Ditto*; exchanged for *Hillington*.

1443, *Edmund Tilney*, by *William Topyser*, &c.

1444, *Richard Broun*, by *William Wareles*, &c.

1449, *William Farsewys*, by *Henry Berningham*, *William Wareless*, &c. burgesses of *Lynn*.

1456, *John Ewnett*, by *John Nicholasson*, burgess of *Lynn*.

1462, Mr. *Roger Gey*, by *William Nicholasson*, burgess of *Lynn*.

1486, *John Dawson*, by *Henry Smith*, LL. B.

1488, *Frater Jeffrey*, by *ditto*.

1493, *William Everard*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1506, *John Legate*. *Ditto*.

1508, *Robert Howghton*, by Sir *Robert Lovell*, Knt.

1509, *Thomas Totty*. *Ditto*.

1516, *William Graunge*. *Ditto*; united to *North Rungeton*.

1528, *Frat. Godfrey Cosyn*, a *Carmelite*, by *John Smith*.

1532, *Robert Newman*, by Mr. *William Stratwhayt*, united to the mastership of St. *John* Baptist's Hospital of *Lynn*.

1538, *Christopher Lant*. *Ditto*.

1540, *William Goshawke*, by *William Casis* of *East-Winch*.

1551, *George Halsted*, by *Francis Bastard*, Gent.

1567, *Francis Welles*, by the assigns of *Francis Bastard*.

1569, *John Long*, by *Thomas Thursby*, Esq.

1593, *John Mapted*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1597, *William Fairfax*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1604, *Christopher Breese*. *Ditto*.
1612, *Richard Carleton*, bacc. of music, by *Thomas Thursby*, Esq. *Robert Powis* occurs in 1636.
1638, *Richard Peypes*. *Ditto*.
1661, *Francis Halfheid*, by *Thomas Thoresby* of *Mintlyn*, Esq.
1679, *John Read*. *Ditto*.
1681, *Robert Witherell*, by *Jane Thoresby*.
1696, *Henry Wastall*, the Bishop, by lapse.
1719, *John Witherell*, by *William Thoresby*, Gent.
1728, *Samuel Beatniff*, by *Edmund Hill*.

This rectory is charged at 4*l*. in the King's Books, and is discharged of first fruits and tenths.

The ancient valor was 6 marks, *Peter*-pence 7*d*. *ob*.

The prior of *Eye* had a portion of tithe here, valued at 28*s*. *per ann*. and in the 3d of *Edward* I. sued *William de Bovill* for the advowson of the church.

The prior of *Letheringham's* here and in *Leseyate* at 5*l*. *per ann*.

BABINGLEY.

In *Babinkelia*, *Peter de Valoins* had a lordship, out of which *Tort*, a *Saxon* freeman, was ejected at the conquest; this *Peter* had also lordships in several other towns, conferred upon him; here was one carucate of land, with 4 villians, 15 borderers, 5 servi, and 16 acres of meadow, &c. there had been 2 carucates in demean, at the survey but one, also 3 carucates amongst the tenants, at the survey 2, the moiety of 2 mills, and 5 salt pits, &c. 7 socmen belonged to it, who held a carucuate and 6 acres, and of these *Stigand* (the Archbishop of *Canterbury*) had the soc. The whole was valued at 40*s*. *per ann*. and was 2 leucas long and one broad, and paid 2*s*. to a 20*s*. gelt, and *William* held it under *Peter*.[1]

Sir *Henry Spelman* observes, that the town is seated in an angle, or nook of land between two rivers, (called by him the *Isis* and the *Cong*) and the town seems to take its name from *Bab*, or *Be*, a fine winding river;[2] thus *Bavenburc*, now called *Bawburgh*, in *Norfolk*, *Babworth* in *Nottinghamshire*, *Babington* in *Somersetshire*, &c. and *Ing* and *Ley*, as lying on the meadows.

[1] Terre Petri Valoniensis——Babinkeleia, tenet Will. qu. ten. Tort lib. ho. T. R. E. p. man. i car. tre. iiii villi. et xv. bor. et v ser. et xvi ac. pti. silva. LX por. tnc. ii car. in dnio. p' et m°. i tc. iii. houm. p' et m°. ii et medietate' duor. molinor. et v sal. quando rec. i. r. tc. x an. m°. viii tc. xii por. m°. xiii. tc. CLX ov. m°. CLXXvii hic jacent vii soc. vi ac. ter. sep. ii. car. tam. ex his habuit Stigandus socam. totu. val. XL. sol. tot. hab. ii. leug. in long. et i leug. in lat. q' cq; ibi. teneat, et redd. ji sol. de XX. sol. de gelto.

[2] See in Appleton.

BUTLER'S MANOR, or WEST HALL.

Sir *William de Rudham* held it under *Valoins*, and when *Peter de Valoins*, in the reign of *Henry* I. founded the priory of *Binham* in *Norfolk*, that knight gave two parts of his tithe here to it, which his son and grandson confirmed;[3] his descendants, according to the custom of that age, took up the name of *De Babingley*: *Jefferey de Babingley* was witness to a deed of *Roger de Valoins*, grandson of *Peter* aforesaid. *Amanivicus de Babingley* was lord in the 9th of *Richard* I. and *John de Babingle* had a charter for freewarren in all his demesne lands here, in *Wolfreton* and *Sandringham*, in the 49th of *Henry* III.

After this it came to *John le Boteler*, by the marriage of *Ida*, one of the daughters and coheirs of *John de Babingley*, which *John* was son (as I take it) of Sir *Ratph le Boteler*, who held lands at *Grimston*, as appears from an ancient parchment roll. In the 26th of *Edward* I. *Robert de Tateshale*, *John de Tateshale*, and *Katherine* his wife, were summoned to answer *John le Butler* of *Babingley*, to permit him to present to that church belonging to his manor,[4] late *John de Babingle's* who left two daughters and coheirs, *Catherine*, and *Ida*; *John le Butler* having married *Ida*, *Robert de Tateshale* replies that *Katherine*, the eldest, had enfeoft him in her part, and he had enfeoft his son, and the said *Katherine* his wife in tail, and therefore it was their right to present first, and *Ida* to have the second turn, to which they agreed; by this it appears that the right of patronage belonged to this manor: after this the manor being divided between the *Tateshale* family and that of *Butler*, they presented for some time alternately.

In the 14th of *Edward* II. *John*, son of *John de Breccles*, conveyed by fine to *John le Butler* of *Babingle*, and *Alice* his wife, 11 messuages, 16 tofts, a mill, 214 acres of land, &c. here and in *Sandringham*, *Wolferton*, &c. settled on *John* and *Alice* in tail, being *John le Butler's* settlement on his marriage with *Alice*, daughter of *John de Beccles*.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *Robert* Earl of *Suffolk*, *John Boteler*, and *Robert Chappe*, or *Shappe*, were found to hold one Knight's fee in *Babingle*, *Wolferton*, and *Sandringham*, of the heirs (as then said) of *Robert de Tateshale*, which *John de Tateshale* formerly held; and soon after in 1340, *Robert* Earl of *Suffolk*, and *Robert Chappe* presented to this church; *Robert*, the Earl, held in right of *Margaret* his wife, late widow of Sir *Thomas de Cailey*, which family, with those of *Driby*, and *Orreby* were heirs to the *Tateshales*, and from one of these *Chappe* might have a right or part; and in 1361, *William Scot* presented in right of his wife.

In 1369, Sir *Adam de Clifton* was lord, and presented as heir to *Caily*, and so to *Tateshale*; and in the 45th of King *Edward* III. *Joan*, late the widow of *John Boteler*, was found to hold the manor of *Botelers* in *Babingley*, of the manor of *West-Hall* in the said town, and that *John* was her son and heir, and of age, as appears from an

[3] Regist. Prior. de Binham, fol. 1, a. [4] Plita Term. Hillar. de Banco.

inquisition taken at *Babingley* on *Wednesday* after the feast of St. *Simon* and *Jude*, and that she died on *Thursday* after the feast of St. *Margaret*, in the 43d of the aforesaid King.

This *John Boteler*, son of *John Boteler* and *Joan* his wife, was the last heir male of his family, and was afterwards a knight, and his daughter and heir, *Margaret* being married to *Jeffrey Cobb* of *Sandringham*, their estate here came into that family, wherein it continued till sold about 1686, to Sir *Edward Atkins*, who conveyed it soon after to *James Host*, Esq. and from the *Hosts*, to *Henry Cornish Henley*, Esq. as in *Sandringham*. The *Tatishale* part of this manor of *Valoins*, being in Sir *Adam Clifton*, continued in that family till the death of Sir *John Clifton*, and the whole right of patronage appears after the year 1369, to be in that family.

But in the 3d of *Richard* II. a fine was levied between *John Hode* of *Flete*, Sir *William Hode*, Knt. and *Margaret*, widow of *Thomas Chappe*, of *Snetesham*, querents, *Jeffrey de Tolbot*, and *Sim. Barret*, deforciants, of a manor here, and in *Wolfreton*, &c. settled on *Margaret Chappe*, for life, remainder to *John Hode*, Sir *William* and *Margaret*, and the heirs of *John*; after this I find nothing more of it, the whole being conveyed to *Thomas* Lord *Scales*, and *Nucelle*, as I shall show.

WEST-HALL, or TATISHALE'S MANOR.

Another lordship in this town, held by *Scula*, a *Saxon* freeman, in King *Edward's* reign, was granted by the Conqueror to *Eudo*, son of *Spiruwin*: together with lordships in *Hillington*, *Dersingham*, and *Massingham* in this hundred of *Frebridge*; and in *Docking*, in the hundred of *Docking*, or *Smethdon*: in *Denton*, and *Aldby*, in *Earsham* hundred;—in *Topcroft* and *Wotton* in *Lothingham* (*Clavering*) hundred; and in *Tibenham* and *Carlton* in *Depwade* hundred.

Eudo, son of *Spiruwin*, came into *England* with the Conqueror, and merited so well from him that he conferred upon him the lordship of *Tateshale* in *Lincolnshire*, and there having his chief seat or barony, he took up the name of *Tateshale*. *Geffrey* at the survey held it under *Eudo*, consisting of 2 carucates of land, held by four villains and 25 borderers, one servus and 16 acres of meadow, there were then 2 carucates in demean, afterwards but one; and one amongst the tenants, paunage for 60 swine, also 60 sheep; there were also belonging to it 62 acres of land, 2 of meadow, with one carucate, a mill, and 9 salt pits held of him by 7 freemen, valued at 60*s. per ann.*[s]

In the 33d of *Henry* III. the jury find (as appears from the eschaet rolls) that *Robert de Tateshale* died seized of it, and of the manors of *Tibenham*, *Topcroft* and *Denton*, and that *Robert* was his son and heir, age 26; and in the 50th of that King *Martin de Southmere* was impleaded by *Robert de Tateshale*, senior, for cutting down his woods

[s] Terre Eudonis filij Spiruwin—— Babingbelea, ten. Gaufrid. quam tenuit Scula, lib. ho ii car. tre. sep. iiii villi. et xxv bor. et i ser. et xvi ac. pti. tc. ii car. in dnio. p' et m°. i sep. i car. hou. silva. lx por. et sep. i por. et lx ov. hic jacent Lxii ac. qd. ten. vii. lib. hoes. et ii ac. pti. sep. i car. et i mol. tc. ix sol. sep. val. lx. sol.

in this town;[6] the jury find that *Martin* and *William*, son of *Alan of Thornham*, cut part of his wood, whilst he was in the prison of *Simon de Montfort*, (one of the chief leaders of the barons against the King, and Earl of *Leicester*, by which it appears that *Tatishelé*, was on the King's side,) and sold it for 20s. but it being proved to be worth one mark more, and being sold when he was in prison, *Martin* was adjudged to satisfy him, and was taken into custody for the trespass.

This *Robert* had view of frank pledge, and assise of bread and beer, and was parcel of his barony of *Tateshale*.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. *Robert de Tateshale* was found to hold half a fee here, in *Sandringham* and *Wolverton*, and *Robert de Tateshale* dying a minor in 1305, his inheritance was divided between his 3 aunts; *Emma*, who married Sir *Osbert de Caily*; *Joan*, wife of Sir *Robert de Driby*; and *Isabel*, wife of Sir *John de Orreby*; and in 1315, Sir *Thomas de Cayly* and *Margaret* his wife had a charter of free warren in their lands here, *Wolfreton*, &c. having a third part; and *Alice Dryby* appears to have a third part of this manor in the 17th of King *Edward* II. being daughter and heir to Sir *Robert* aforesaid. This *Alice* married *William Bernak*; and in 1360, the King presented to this rectory as guardian to *John*, the heir of *Bernak*; but *Bernak's* and *Orreby's* parts soon after centered in the *Cliftons*, by the marriage of *Margaret*, sister and heir of Sir *Thomas de Caily*, with Sir *Roger de Clifton*; and Sir *Adam de Clifton* presented in 1369, and *Constantine de Clifton* as sole lord in 1400, and Sir *John Clyfton* in 1435, who by his will, dated *August* 16, in 1447, and proved *September* 8, in the said year, ordered this manor, with that of *Wolfreton*, to be sold:[7] and it was purchased most likely by *Thomas* Lord *Scales* and *Nucells*, who presented as lord to this church in 1459, and on the marriage of his daughter and heir, *Elizabeth*, to *Anthony Woodvile* Lord *Scales*, and Earl *Rivers*; he presented in 1467, and was beheaded and attainted in the reign of *Richard* III.

In 1493, the Lady *Catherine Gray* presented: how it came to her does not appear.

It is certain that soon after, in King *Henry* the Seventh's reign, it came to *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of Sir *John Howard*, married to *John Vere* Earl of *Oxford*, and to Sir *William Tyndal*, as heirs to the late Lady *Elizabeth Scales*;[8] and in 1542, and 1554, *Thomas Tindall* presented as heir to Sir *William*; and on default of issue male in the *Oxford* family that part or moiety was divided between two of his sisters and coheirs, married to *John Nevill* Lord *Latimer*, and Sir *Anthony Wingfield*; *Tyndal* conveyed his moiety to *Jeffrey Cobbe*, Esq. and the *Wingfields* having *Latimer's* part conveyed to them, they conveyed the other moiety also with the advowson, to *Jeffrey*, reserving an annual payment out of it of 20 marks, which was paid for several years, and after bought in by the *Cobbs*; in which family it remained till sold in or about 1686, as observed above, in the manor of *Butlers*, and after passed as in *Sandringham* to the *Hosts*, and so to *H. Cornish Henley*, Esq. in right of his wife *Susan*, daughter and heiress of *James Hoste*, Esq.

The tenths of this town, with *Sandringham* and *Wolfreton*, were

[6] Mich. 50 and 51 Hen. III. coram Rege, Rot. 19.

[7] Regist. Wylbey, Norw. fol. 103.

[8] See in Middleton.

14*l. per ann.* out of which was deducted 2*l.* on account of the lands of the religious, remain 12*l.*

The CHURCH of *Babingley* is dedicated to St. *Felix*, the Apostle and Bishop of the *East-Angles*, whose seat was at *Dunwish* in *Suffolk* about the year 630, who is said to have converted this part of *Norfolk* to *Christianity*, and to have built a church here, the first in this neighbourhood; Sir *Henry Spelman* says that some adjoining hills bearing the name of *Christian-hills*; testify the same:[9] see in *Flitcham*.

It is a rectory, anciently valued at 6 marks and 10*s.* and paid *Peterpence* 8*d.*; the present valor is 4*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* and is discharged of first fruits, &c.

The nave or body of the church, with the south-isle, is covered with tiles, the chancel is dilapidated; at the west end of the nave stands a square tower.

In the church were these arms, *sable*, a cross ingrailed, *or*, *Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk*; *sable*, three standing cups, covered, *argent*, *Boteler*, or *Butler*; *gules*, a chevron, *or*, between three lions faces, *argent*, *Kervil*, or *Carvill*, impaling *Boteler*; *Boteler* impaling *argent*, a fess between three eaglets displayed *sable*, *Elmham*, or *Elingham*; and in this church was the guild of St. *Felix*.

The prior of *Binham's* temporalities here and in *Wolfreton* in 1428, were taxed at 4*s.* 4*d.*; prior of *Westacre's* in the said towns at 2*s.*; prior of *Shouldham's* in rent and salt at 7*s.* 7*d. ob.*

The spiritualities of *Binham* priory in this town and *Wolfreton*, at one mark.

Sir *John Curson*, by his will dated in 1471, gives for life to the Lady *Joan* his wife, the manors of *Babingley* wood and *Ingaldesthorp* for life.

RECTORS.

Andrew occurs rector, the 2d of *Henry* III.

1333, *Sim. de Rykinghale*, by *Alice Boteler* of *Babingley*, *hac vice*.

1349, *Richard de l'Grene*, by *Robert de Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk*, and *Thomas Chappe*.

1353, *Bartholomew Norman*, by *John Boteler*.

1360, *James de Horningtoft*, by the King, as guardian to the heir of *de Barnac*.

1361, *William Godrich*, by *William Scot*, in right of his wife.

1361, *Alan Wake*, by the King, *hac vice*.

1366, *Roger de Est Wykham*, (an exchange for *North Walsham* vicarage,) *by William Skoth*, *hac vice*.

1369, *John Comb*, by the King, as guardian to the heir of Sir *Adam de Clyfton*.

Eudo de Anderby occurs rector 1378.

Mr. *Eudo de Blade* occurs in 1391.

1400, *Adam Mynte*, by *Margaret*, relict of *Constantine de Clyfton*.

1404, *John Zutte*. *Ditto*.

1406, *Nicholas Hawys*. *Ditto*.

[9] Icenia, p. 145.

1408, *John Payn*, by *Margaret*, &c.
1408, *Nicholas Hawys*. *Ditto*.
1424, *John Copeland*. *Ditto*.
1425, *Thomas Skadere*, (an exchange for *Stetchworth*, *Cambridgeshire*.) *Ditto*.
1430, *John Crowcher*. *Ditto*.
1435, *John Mathew*, by Sir *John Clyfton*.
1459, *John Randolf*, by the Lord *Scales* and *Nucelle*.
1467, *John Pyncote*, by *Anthony Wydevill* Lord *Scales*.
1493, *William Histwyde*, by the Lady *Catherine Gray*.
1493, *Thomas Whyte*. *Ditto*.
1510, *John Sporiour*.
1514, *John Smith*, by the Bishop's vicar-general, a lapse.
1533, *Richard Colson*.
1542, *William Wylleys*, by *Thomas Tendale*, Esq.
Humphrey Southworth.
1554, *Richard Homesley*, by Sir *Thomas Tindall*.
1557, *Jeffrey Lawes*, by *Jeffrey Cobbes*, Gent.
1566, *Robert Radcliff*. *Ditto*.
1569, *Nathaniel Mason*. *Ditto*.
1570, *Alexander Monepenny*. *Ditto*.
1581, *Robert Bonynge*, by the Queen.
1592, *Stephen Clerk*, by *William Cobb* of *Sandringham*, Esq.
1595, *William Wiborow*. *Ditto*.
1614, *William Gurlyn*, by *Mary Cobb*, widow.
Adam Webb occurs rector in 1650.
1660, *Stephen Basset*, by *William Cobbe*, Esq.
1664, *Thomas Stringer*. *Ditto*.
1697, *John Lewis*, by *James Hoste*, Esq.
1713, *Robert Cremer*. *Ditto*.
1717, *Andrew Rogers* died rector in 1731. *Ditto*.
1731, *Francis Seward*, by *James Host*, Esq.
1732, *James Sharp*. *Ditto*.

WEST-BILNEY,

Called *Benelai* in *Domesday* book, was the lordship of *Bundo*, (in the time of King *Edward* the Confessor,) a *Saxon* thane, who had lordships in *Islington*, *Midleton*, *Geyton*, *Bodney*, *Langford*, *South-Creak*, *Burnham*, *Reinham*, *Helloughton*, *Roughton*, and *Beeston*, out of all which he was ejected by the Conqueror, who granted them to *Hugh de Montfort*: this lordship then consisted of 5 carucates of land, 20 villains, 14 borderers, and 5 servi, with 20 acres of meadow; there were 2 carucates in demean, and 3 among the tenants, 3 mills, &c. and the moiety of a saltwork, &c. 81 sheep,

valued at 8*l. per ann.* but at the survey at 6*l. per ann.*; the whole was 8 furlongs long, and 4 broad, and paid 6*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.[1]

WEST BILNEY MANOR BELHOUSE'S.

Hugh de Montfort was a *Norman* lord,[2] and justiciary of *England*, and held it of the family of *De Pelevile*, who appear to be the old lords of it, held of the *Montforts*. *Thomas de Belhouse* held it in the 8th of *Henry* III. of *Peter de Pelevile*, which *Peter* paid for half a knight's fee here, in the 19th of that King, on the aid granted on the marriage of his sister to the emperor; another of the said name died in the 56th of the said reign, lord of this village, and was one of the jurors in the great contest about the confines of *Lincolnshire*, and *Cambridgeshire*, as may be seen in the register of *Spalding*, who dying without issue, *William de Gysney*, son and heir of *Joan*, and *William de Whiston*, son and heir of *Emme*, (his sister,) inherited his estate; and of these Sir *Richard de Belhouse* was found to hold it in the 3d of *Edward* I. and they held it of the honour of *Hagenet* or *Haughley*, in *Suffolk*, and paying castle guard to *Dover*.

On the death of Sir *Richard Belhouse*, in the 29th of *Edward* I. *Thomas* was found to be his son and heir; and in the 9th of *Edward* II. the King brought a writ of *quare impedit* against *Petronilla de Narford*, in right of presentation to a moiety of the church of *North Tudenham*, in *Norfolk*, as guardian to the heir of *Thomas de Belhouse*, when the King's attorney proved that *Belhouse* held 2 messuages, a mill, 430 acres of land, and 30 of meadow, in this town and *Bodney*, of the King in *capite*, and *Petronilla* pleaded that they were held of the honour of *Bologne*, and pertained to the fee of *Richard de Amoundevil*, the right of which was in her.

Sir *Richard Belhouse* died about the 33d of *Edward* III. seized of this lordship in *capite*, held of the castle of *Dover*, and paying 5*s. per ann.* thereto, leaving two daughters and coheirs; *Emme* married to Sir *William Oldhall*, father of Sir *Edmund Oldhall*, and *Maud* married to *William Bozun*, of *Wissenset*.

In the 40th of the said King, a fine was levied between *Adam*, prior of *Pentney*, querent, *Thomas de Lexham*, parson of *Feltwell*, &c. deforcient, of the manor of *West Bilney*, which *Adam*, son of *Adam de Clifton*, and *Margery* his wife (held for life of *Margery*) settled on the prior and his successours, to be held of the honour of *Hakenet*, which he purchased for 200*l.* sterling; and in the 43d of the said reign, the prior purchased by another fine, the term which *Adam de Clifton*, and *Margery* his wife, had herein; *Margery* was relict of Sir *Richard de Belhouse*; and it appears by a deed, dated in the 49th of King *Edward* III. that *John Bouson*, son of *William* abovementioned, had sold to the prior aforesaid, his right in this manor, with that of *North Tudenham*, called *Belhouse's* manor;

[1] Terr'. Hug. de Monteforti——Benelai tenuit Bundo p. maner. T. R. E. v car. t're. sep. xx villi. et xiiii bor, et v ser. xx ac. p'ti sep. ii car. in d. et iii car. hou'. et iii mol. silva cc por. et dim sal. sep. i r. et iii an. et x por. et lxxxi ov. tc. val. viii lib. p. lx sol mo. vi lib. tota ht. viii qr. in longo. et iiii in lat. et reddit vi*d.* de xx sol. de gelto.

[2] See of him in Marham.

and the prior in the 44th of that King, had a grant of free warren here.

By the inquisition taken in the 4th of *Henry* IV. the prior of *Pentney* and his tenants, were found to hold half a fee in this town, but the prior's right herein was afterwards contested in the 11th year of *Henry* VI. by Sir *William Oldhall*, son of Sir *Edmund* aforesaid, and by *Richard Bozoun*, Esq. son of *John Bozoun*, who was son of *William Bozoun*, and *Maud* abovementioned, as heirs to Sir *Richard Belhous*; however, it appears that the prior kept possession, his temporalities here being valued in 1428. On the dissolution of this priory, it came to the Crown, and *Richard de Fulmodestone*, *February* 20, *ao.* 3d of King *Edward* VI. had a grant of this manor, to be held in *capite*, and license in the said year to convey it to *Thomas Mildmay*, Esq.; and in the 4th of the said King, the said *Thomas* had a grant, *February* 26, of the impropriate rectory of the said town, with all the glebe land, &c. which descended to his son, Sir *Thomas Mildmay*, who conveyed it to *Francis Wyndham*, (a judge of the King's Bench) about the 18th of Queen *Elizabeth*. ——— *Thomas Wyndham*, Esq. son of Sir *Henry Windham*, of *Felbrigg*, sold it to Sir *Edward Bullock*, Knt. of *Essex*, and he conveyed it to Sir *Thomas Richardson*, Knt. who died seized of it, *May* 12, in the 18th of King *Charles* I. *Thomas* his son and heir, mortgaged it to *R. Freak*, Esq. who had a decree for closing the equity of redemption.

This family is descended from *Francis Freake*, Esq. who was a person of good repute in *Somersetshire*;[1] *Ralph Freake*, Esq. his son, was for many years auditor of the treasury, in the reigns of King *Henry* VIII. and Queen *Elizabeth*, and died worth upwards of one hundred thousand pounds, leaving 2 sons; first, Sir *Tho. Freake*, a person of great trust and authority in *Dorsetshire*, in the reigns of Queen *Elizabeth* and King *James* I. ancestor to the *Freakes* of *Hannington*, *Upway*, and *Farringdon* in that county; his second son was *William Freake* of *Sureen*, in *Hampshire*, Esq. who married a daughter of *Arthur Swaine*, Esq. and removed with his family to *Ireland*. *Arthur*, his son and heir, lived near the city of *Cork*, and married *Dorothy*, daughter of Sir *Piercy Smith*, of *Yohale*, in the county of *Cork*, and had by her *Piercy Freake*, Esq. who possessed a fair estate there, and coming into *England*, had with *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Ralph Freake*, his kinswoman, a considerable estate and fortune, with this town of *West Bilney*, which he left to his son and heir, *Ralph*, who was created a baronet *June* 4, 1713; and by his wife, ——— daughter of Sir *John Mead*, attorney-general in *Ireland*, left 3 sons; Sir *Piercy*, his successour, *Ralph*, who died at *Richmond* in *Surry*, 1727, unmarried, and *John*: Sir *Piercy* was member of parliament for *Baltimore* in *Ireland*, and dying unmarried at *Dublin*, in *April*, 1728, was succeeded in honour and estate, by his brother, Sir *John Freake*, Bart. who married a daughter of ——— *Broderick*, Esq. (of the Lord Viscount *Middleton's* family) and bears for his arms, *sable*, two bars, and in chief three mullets, *or*, and the said Sir *John*, in 1750, sold it to Mr. *Francis Dalton*, of *Swaffham* in *Norfolk*.

[1] Baronettage.

MONPINZOUN'S MANOR

Was, as I take it, that part or moiety of the town, which came to *William de Whiston*, son of *Emme*, sister and coheir of *Peter de Pelevile*, the other part or moiety being in *William de Gysney*, who married *Joan*, the other sister and coheir, whose part was afterwards in the *Belhouses*, as abovementioned.

In the 2d of *Edward* II. a fine was levied between *Edmund*, son of *John de Munpinzoun*, querent, and *Robert Walkefare* deforcient, of lands here; and in the 2d of *Edward* III. *John de Mounpinzoun*, parson of *Newton*, conveyed lands by fine, to *Edmund Mounpinzoun*, and *Alianore* his wife; and *Thomas Drew* of *Sadlebow*, and *William de Apeton*, chaplain, as trustees, granted to the Lady *Alianor Muntpinzoun*, their manor here, with the lands, rents, homages, reliefs, escheats, heath, and fisheries for life; remainder to *Maud*, daughter of the said *Alianor*, in fee; witnesses, Sir *John Howard*, Knt. Sir *John de Wylton*, Sir *Richard de Belhus*, and Sir *Richard* his son, and Sir *John de Tilney*, Knights, *William de Bilneye*, *Thomas Strikelok* of *Bilney*, *William le Neve* of the same, and *Richard de Neve*, dated at *Bilney*, *Monday* after the feast of St. *Dionys* the martyr, *ao.* 27 *Edward* III. *Drew's* seal is, a chevron, in chief dexter a *T*, in sinister a *D*, in base, a cross crosslet, fitchée.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Thomas Gissing*, and *Maud his* wife, conveyed by fine, to *Thomas Derham* and *Richard Belhouse*, the manor of *Pynsones* in *West Bilney*; and *Nicholas Trimnell*, and *Emme* his wife, in the 11th of *Henry* VI. conveyed it by fine, with 4 messuages, 264 acres of land, 34 of meadow, 30 of pasture, 10 of wood, and 16*s.* rent here, and in towns adjoining, to Sir *Thomas Tudenham* in trust, for their own lives; remainder to *Henry Barton*, and *Thomas Knowles*, Esq. and the heirs of *Thomas*. After this, *Geffrey Norys* of this town was lord, who by his will, dated *August* 12, 1464, bequeaths his body to be buried in the parish church of St. *Cecily*, the Virgin and Martyr, of *West Bilney*; appoints *Margery* his wife, Sir *John Norys*, vicar of *South Lenne*, and *John Norys* his son, his executors, and gives this manor to his son *John* in tail; also 20*l.* to the repair of the altar of our Lady, and for making a window at the south end of the said altar;[4] after this, it came into the hands of the prior and convent of *Pentney*, and was granted, as is above observed, to Sir *Richard Fulmerston*, from whom it came to *Mildmay*, *Windham*, *Bullock*, *Richardson*, *Freake*, and *Dalton*.

The tenths of this town were 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* Deducted 5*s.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Cecilia*. The rectory was valued at 8 marks, and was given by *Peter de Pelevile* to the priory of *Pentney*, and appropriated thereto several years after that grant, together with three acres of land, 10 of meadow, and 4 furlongs of a turbary; *Peter*-pence 6*d.*

[4] Regr. Brosyerd Norw. fol. 337.

RECTORS.

Hugh occurs rector in the reign of *Henry* III.

1313, Mr. *Hugh Swaffham* instituted rector, presented by the prior of *Pentney*.

1333, *Richard Frere*, by the prior.

1341, *Adam Vincent*, to the portion in the said church, set apart for the support of the priest serving there, and newly appointed; this was (as I take it) on the appropriation, and the settling of a vicarage, presented by the prior.

1349, *William Ywar*.

1356, *Robert Somer*, vicar, by the prior.

1365, *William Gowty*, vicar.

1403, *Laurence Emme*, vicar.

1417, *Robert Allen*.

1432, *John Wygenhale*.

1440, *Alan Lewes*.

1593, *Bartholomew Howlings*, curate licensed.

1611, *Clement Bacon* vicar, presented by the King.

1620, *Oliver Dey*, licensed curate, and it is served at this time by a licensed stipendiary curate.

Jeffrey Dethike of *West Bilney*, Gent. wills, *October* 14, 1557, to be buried in this church; *John Dethike*, Esq. and *Edmund Dethike*, Gent. his executors.

——— *Freake*, mother of Sir *Ralph Freake*, buried here in *April*, 1714.

CASTLEACRE.

CALLED in *Domesday* book, *Acre*, from its site by a river or running water, was the lordship of *Toche*, a *Saxon* thane, in King *Edward's* time, and granted at the conquest by King *William* I. to *William* Earl of *Warren*, in *Normandy*, and after of *Surry* in *England*, who attended him in his expedition into *England*, and was rewarded also with these following lordships in *Norfolk*: *Walton*, *Geyton*, *Grimston*, *Congham*, *Hillington*, *Massingham*, *Harpley*, *Anmer*, in *Freebridge* hd.—*Stanhoe*, *Sharnborn*, *Berwick*, and *Frenge* in *Docking* hd.—*Hitcham*, and *Snetesham* in *Smethden* hundred; *Wilton*, *Feltwell*, *Methwold*, *Northwold*, *Mundford*, *Colveston*, *Keburn*, *Santon*, *Oteringey*, *Weting*, and *Cranwise* in *Grimshoe* hundred;—*Thexton*, *Caston*, *Tofts*, *Elingham*, *Scoulton*, and *Griston* in *Wayland* hundred;—*Marham*, *Fincham*, *Helgey*, *Wimbotesham*, *Denver*, *Derham*, and *Outwell* in *Clacklose* hundred;—*Stinton*, *Kerdeston*, *Hackford*, *Dalling*, *Thurning*, and *Elsing* in *Eynsford* hundred;—*Taverham*, in *Taver-*

sham hundred;—*Colteshale, Mortoft, Wickmer, Wolterton, Bernigham, Manington, Irmingland, Corpusty, Tuttington, Brampton, Causton, Hobies,* and *Crakeford* in *South Erpingham* hundred;—*Paston, Witton, Burton, Walsham,* and *Riston* in *Tunsted* hundred;—*Filby,* in *East Fleg* hundred;—*Carleton,* in *Depwade* hundred;—*Lerling, Rockland, Roudham,* and *Illington* in *Shropham* hundred;—*Norton, Wike,* and *Banham* in *Gilcross* hundred;—*Gressenhale, Scarning, Lexham, Wesenham, Kempston, Fransham, Rougham, Titleshale,* and *Stanfield* in *Launditch* hundred;—*Wimundeham, Morley, Wicklewood, Deepham, Welburn, Colton, Bernham,* and *Tochethorp* in *Fourhoe* hundred;—*Matshall, Burgh, Letton, Shipdom, Thuxton,* and *Rising* in *Mitford* hundred;—*Dudlington, Cley, Hilburgh, Bradenham, Pagrave, South Acre, Bodney, Pickenham,* in *South Greenhoe* hundred;—*Sculthorp, Basham, Kettleston, Waterden, Fulmerston, Croxton, Creke, Snoring, Riburgh, Stiberd,* and *Burnham in Gallow* hundred;—*Rudham, Bagthorp, Sidistern, Houghton, Taterset, Helloughton, Scirford, Hempton,* and *Barmere* in *Brothercross* hundred;—*Wyverton,* and *Briston* in *Holt* hundred;—*Holcham,* and *Egmer* in *North Greenhoe* hundred;—*Gimmingham, Knapton, Thorp, Munsley, Repps, North* and *South Gresham, Alborough, Almerton, Barningham, Plumstede, Sustede, Wolterton,* and *Trunch* in *North Erpingham* hundred.

EARL'S MANOR.

This manor of *Acre* consisted at the survey, of 3 carucates of land in demean, and of 8 amongst the tenants, two villains, 48 borderers, and 3 servi; there were also 8 acres of meadow, 2 mills, the moiety of a salt-work, and a fishery, &c.; there were two freemen who held one carucate, and 4 borderers, who held one carucate, with 8 acres of meadow, valued at the survey at 9*l.* but before, in King *Edward's* time, at 5*l. per ann.* and what those two freemen held was valued at 20*s. per ann.* The whole was one leuca and 20 perches long, one leuca broad, and 4 feet and an half, and paid 8*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt; and here was a church then endowed with 30 acres.[5]

Dugdale says this Earl *Warren* was nearly related to the Conqueror, being nephew to the Countess *Gunnora,* his great grandmother;[6] but this, I think, is scarce probable: *Emma,* the wife of King *Etheldred,* and mother of King *Edward* the Confessor, was daughter of this *Gunnora,* by *Richard* Duke of *Normandy,* so that he must then be first cousin to the said *Emma,* whose father, *Richard,* died in 996.[7] The aforesaid author relates that he married *Gundrede,* sister of *Ghenbode,* a *Fleming,* to whom the Conqueror had given the city of *Chester.*

[5] T're. Willi. de Warrenna———— Acre tenet Toche lib. ho. T. R. E. iii car. in dominio, et viii car. hom. semp. ii vill tc xlii bord. mo. xlviii tc. viii serv. modo iii et viii ac. p'ti. et ii mol. et dim. salin. et i piscaria tc. vi runc. modo i. tc. viii an. mo. xi tc. xlv porc. mo. lxx tc. clx ovs. mo. cxl. huic terre jacent ii libi. ho'es. i car. terre, et iiii bord. tc. ii car. mo i. et viii ac. p'ti tc. val. c sol. mo. ix lib. et illi duo libi. ho'es. xx sol. tota habet i l'g. et x pertic. in long. et i l'g' in lat. et iiii pedes et dim. et reddit viii*d.* de xx sol. de gelto.—Ecclie xxx ac.

[6] Dudgd. Bar. vol i. p. 73.

[7] Ypodigma Neustriæ, p. 15.—Sandford Geneal.—Brooks' Succession, &c. p. 3.

Sandford and *Brooke* say that his wife was the 5th daughter of the Conqueror, and that she died at *Castleacre*, in childbed, *May* 27, 1085, and the Earl, her husband, died in *June* 1089;[8] he had frequently his residence in this town, where he built a castle, and begun the foundation of the priory, (of which we shall afterwards treat,) a short time before his death.

He was succeeded by *William* his son, the second Earl *Warren*, who married *Isabel*, daughter of *Hugh* Earl of *Vermandois*, and dying in 1135, left *William* his son and heir, the 3d Earl *Warren*, &c. who being slain in the *Holy Land*, in 1148, left by the Lady *Ela* his wife, daughter of *William Talvace* Earl of *Poitou* and *Bellesmy*, *Isabel*, his sole daughter and heir, who married to her first husband, *Will. de Blois* Earl of *Morton* in *Normandy*, (natural son of King *Stephen*,) who was created Earl *Warren* and *Surry*, for life, and dying without issue in 1160, the Lady *Isabel* married *Hameline Plantagimet*, natural son of *Jeffrey* Earl of *Anjou*; he was lord of *Columbers* and *Berries*, in *Normandy*, created Earl *Warren* and *Surry*, by King *Henry* II. and died in 1201; his anniversary was kept in the abbey of *Beauchief* in *Derbyshire*, on the nones of *May*. This town was about this time called *East-Acre* and *Castleacre*, as appears from ancient deeds, &c.

William, son of *Hameline*, and the Lady *Isabel*, was the fifth Earl *Warren* and *Surry*, on his father's death. The reader is to observe, that I omit those remarkable actions, &c. of these Earls, as mentioned by *Dugdale*, to whom I refer those who are desirous of consulting them, and confine myself chiefly to those that are not to be found in that author, and occur only in authentic records and deeds.

In the year 1206, this Earl *William* owed King *John* a palfrey, as a fine for not being a justiciary of the *cinque-ports*; and in the 9th of that King, he and the Archbishop of Canterbury paid a fine that their knights should not go over into *Poictou*. In the 1st of *Henry* III. there being some differences between the King and him, a truce was made between them for 8 days, from the feast of St. *Tiberius* and *Valerius*, before the Pope's legate, and several noblemen of the King's council, at *Chichester*; and he was appointed in the 4th of that King, to meet the King of *Scots* at *Berwick*, and to conduct him to *York*, where the King of *England* would meet him; and in his 9th year he accounted for the profits of the county of *Surrey*, as sheriff. He married 2 wives; first, *Maud*, daughter of the Earl of *Arundel*, who died without issue; secondly, *Maud*, sister of *Anselme Mareschal* Earl of *Pembroke*, widow of *Hugh Bigod* Earl of *Norfolk*, and left by her, *John Plantaginet*, his son and successour, in 1240, in which year, *Maud* his mother had 5 knights fees and an half, in *Burnham*, of the fee of this Earl, assigned to her; 8 held by *Ralph de Menney*, one by *Jeffrey Glanvile*, and 4 by *Peter de Kenet*, as part of her dower; and in the said year, the King ordered the Barons of the Exchequer, that this Earl should have the 3d penny of the profits of the county of *Surry*, which his ancestors held.

He claimed the privilege of return of writs, in this his manor o *Castleacre*, and would not permit the King's bailiff to enter; but in the 49th of *Henry* III. a *non omittas* was awarded to distrain

[8] It does not appear that this Earl married a daughter of the Conqueror; that Gundrede was his wife, the register of Castleacre priory proves.

several persons; and in the following year, the King sent this precept to his beloved and faithful barons, sheriffs, and all the commonality of *London*—" Since We have enjoin'd our belov'd *Jn. de Warrenna*, " Earl of *Surrey*, certain special and urging affairs, We command " you to pay him out of our good will, 200 marks, out of the fine " of the 2000 marks, which you have made for Us, and to see the " said 200 marks deliver'd to him, to perform the same."

In the 4th year of King *Edward* I. he was found to have a fair, a mercate, and a toll in his manor of *Castleacre*, and in the following year, was summoned to attend the King in his expedition into *Wales*; in his 18th year, was one of those barons who signed the letter to Pope *Nicholas*, against his collating to benefices, and other usurpations in *England*. On *September* 3, in the 21st of the said King, he was made custos of *Scotland*, by letters patent; and on the 31st of *January*, 1297, King *Edward* I. was entertained by him, at his castle here, as appears by many writs of *Ne exeas regnum*, here dated, and sent to the sheriffs of counties, and bailiffs of the sea ports, and died in *September*, in the 32d of *Edward* I. *Gerard de Orum*, *William de Outewyche*, and *Nicholas de Hugford*, his executors, had that King's license in the following year, to implead his debtors at the Exchequer.

He married *Alice*, daughter of *Hugh le Brun* Earl of *March*, sister by the mother, to King *Henry* III. who in his 37th year, ordered *Philip Lovell* his treasurer, to receive of her (then wife of this Earl) 2 old *coopertoria*, and to have 2 other made new, with robes, jewels, and silver vessels, for the ornament of the chapel; by his lady he had a son, *William*, whom he empowered in the 14th of *Edward* I. to give dower on his marriage with *Joan*, daughter of *Robert Veer* Earl of *Oxford*, in the manor of *Sculthorpe*, in *Norfolk*, &c. but *William* dying in 1286, *John*, his son, by the lady *Joan*, became heir to his grandfather.

This *John* Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, soon after his grandfather's death, married in the 33d of King *Edward* I. *Joan de Barr*, daughter of *Henry* Earl of *Barr* in *France*, by *Eleanor* his wife, daughter of the aforesaid King, and was deputed by the Earl of *Hereford*, constable of *England*; in the 9th year of *Edw.* II. he gave great part of his estate, with his castle and manor here, to the said King, who in the next year regranted it to him, and had in the same year, license to pursue his divorce from the abovementioned lady his wife, before certain ecclesiasticks delegated for that purpose, and sold about the same time, this lordship and castle, with that of *Castleacre Wyken*, to *Adomarus de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke*, who was found to die seized of it (by the escheator, *John de Blomefield*) on *June* 23, in the 17th of *Edward* II. and *David de Strabolgi* Earl of *Athol*, and *Joan* his wife, (sister and coheir to the Earl of *Pembroke*,) were found to hold it in the first of *Edward* III.

Soon after the aforesaid *John* Earl *Warren*, &c. was possessed of it, and in the 9th of *Edward* III. granted it to that King and his heirs, who on the 7th of *June*, in the said year, regranted it to the Earl for life; remainder to *Richard* Earl of *Arundel*; and on an inquisition taken at *Castleacre*, *July* 18, in the 21st of that King, by *William de Middleton*, the King's escheator, it was found that *John Warren*, late Earl of *Surrey*, died on the eve of St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*, last past, seized of this manor and castle for life, of the King's grant; remainder

to *Richard* Earl of *Arundel*, and his heirs; that the herbage within the castle, and in the ditch, was worth 5*s*. *per ann*. that there were 500 acres of arable land, valued at 75*s*. at 3*d*. per acre, 8 acres of meadow at 12*d*. per acre, 15 of pasture at 4*d*. per acre, rent of assise, 13*l*. *per ann*. a market and fair 13*s*. 4*d*. pleas and perquisites of court, with the lete, 60*s*. *per ann*.

Dugdale relates, that *Joan* Countess of *Warren*, wife to this Earl, being to go beyond sea, in the 19th of this King, on some special employment for the King, had protection for all her lands, &c. and that soon after she died, and the Earl married a 2d wife;[9] but it appears that the first survived him; he was married indeed to *Isabel de Houland*, as is proved by an indenture made between him and the King, in his 20th year, *June* 2, and by his last will, wherein he gives a ring with a ruby, &c. to the said *Isabel* his wife, and died *June* 30, 1347, in the 21st of *Edward* III. Whereas *Joan*, his divorced wife, had the said King's license, in his 24th year, to travel beyond sea, to visit the shrines of several saints; and *Dugdale* has expressly said in another page, that she was abroad in the 26th of that King, and did not die till 1361.

The Earl *Warren* bore, checque, *or* and *azure*.

On the death of this Earl *John*, *Richard Fitz-Alan*, son of *Edmund Fitz-Alan*, Earl of *Arundel*, by *Alice*, sister and heir to *John* Earl *Warren*, &c. succeeded him, was lord of this manor, and Earl of *Surry* and *Arundel*, on whose death in 1375, *Richard* his son and heir, by *Alianore*, daughter to *Henry* Earl of *Lancaster*, relict of *Henry* Lord *Beaumont*, inherited the said honours, to whom King *Richard* II. in his 11th year, and to *Henry* Earl of *Derby*, *Thomas* Earl of *Warwick*, *Thomas* Earl-Marshal, and *Thomas* Duke of *Gloucester*, granted 20000*l*. out of the subsidy raised for the King, as charges and expenses they had been at for the honour of the Crown, and the safety of the kingdom, in acting against the Duke of *Ireland*; but in the 21st of the said King, he was beheaded, and his estate and this manor granted to *Thomas Mowbray* Earl-Marshal and Earl of *Nottingham*, and after Duke of *Norfolk*, who married his daughter, and is said to be so inhuman, as to bind up his eyes and become his executioner.

On King *Henry* the Fourth's accession to the crown, *Thomas*, son and heir of this *Richard* Earl of *Surry* and *Arundel*, by *Elizabeth*, daughter of *William Bohun* Earl of *Northampton*, was restored in blood, made Knight of the Bath, on that King's coronation, and Earl of *Surrey* and *Arundel*; he married *Beatrix*, an illegitimate daughter to the King of *Portugal*, but dying without issue, left 3 sisters and coheirs, in 1416; when this manor and castle came, by virtue of an entail made by *Richard Fitz Alan* Earl of *Arundel*, in the 21st of *Edward* III. to Sir *John Fitz-Alan*, commonly called Sir *John Arundel*, cousin and heir male to the last Earl *Thomas*, and grandson to Earl *Richard*, who dying in 1421, King *Henry* V. granted the custody of this manor and castle, then in the King's hands, (as guardian to *John*, son of *John* Earl of *Arundel* and *Surrey*, by *Alianore*, daughter of Sir *John Berkley*,) to Sir *John Cornwayl*, Knt. with the marriage of the said minor, who was afterwards retained by King

[9] Vol. i. Baron. p. 81 and 82.

Henry V. in the wars of *France*, where dying in the 13th of *Henry* VI. was buried in the church of the *Friars-Minors* at *Beauvois*, leaving by *Maud* his wife, daughter of *Robert Lovell*, *Humphrey* his son and heir, which *Humphrey* being a minor, died in the 16th of the said King, seized of this lordship and castle, when *William Fitz-Alan*, his father's brother, inherited the estate and honour; which *William* had, by *Joan* his wife, daughter of *Richard Nevill* Earl of *Salisbury*, *Thomas*, his heir and successour, in the 3d of *Henry* VII. who had livery of all his father's manors and lands, on *May* the 21st, was Earl of *Arundel*, and on his death in the 16th of *Henry* VIII. left *William* Lord *Matravers*, his son and heir, by *Margaret*, daughter of *Richard Widvile* Earl *Rivers*, and sister to King *Edward* the Fourth's Queen, which marriage was settled in *October*, 1464, at *Reading*.

This *William* Earl of *Arundel* married ———, daughter of *Henry* Earl of *Northumberland*, and on his death in 1543, was succeeded by *Henry Fitz-Alan*, his son and heir, who married *Catherine*, daughter of *Thomas Grey* Marquis *Dorset*, by whom he had 2 daughters and coheirs; *Jane*, who married *John* Lord *Lumley*, and *Mary*, to *Tho. Howard* Duke of *Norfolk*, by whom the earldom of *Arundel* was brought into that family; but the manor of *Castleacre* was sold by the aforesaid *Henry*, in the first year of Queen *Elizabeth*, to Sir *Thomas Gresham*, Knt. from whom it was conveyed to *Thomas Cecil*, who was after Earl of *Exeter*; and Sir *Edward Coke*, lord chief justice, bought it of *William Cecil* Earl of *Exeter*, whose sister *Elizabeth* he married, and in this family it remained, the Right Honourable *Thomas Coke* Earl of *Leicester*, the late lord, dying possessed of it in 1759.

FOX'S MANOR.

Sir *Fredrick de Chervill* was found to hold one fee in this town, in the reign of *Henry* III. (when an aid was granted to that King, on the marriage of his sister to the Emperor) of the Earl *Warren*.

In the 4th of *Richard* II. a fine was levied between *William de Tyllington*, querent, *John Staple* and *Hawisia* his wife, deforciants, of one messuage, 100 acres of land, 4 of meadow, one foldcourse, and 4s. 5d. rent in this town, *Westacre*, &c. conveyed to *William*.

John Fox of *Castleacre*, by his will, dated on the feast of St. *Michael*, 1434, died seized of it, and left it to his eldest son, *Thomas*, and was buried in the priory church.[a]

By an inquisition taken at *Walsingham Parva*, *April* 11, in the 2d and 3d of *Philip* and *Mary*, *John Calybut*, Esq. was found to die seized of this manor, and a tenement called *Sanders*, in this town, with 500 acres of land, several acres of pasture, 2 sheep-folds, held of the Earl of *Arundel*, which *John* died *February* 20, in the 1st and 2d of *Philip* and *Mary*, leaving *John* his son and heir, aged 30 years, who died, as appears by an inquisition taken at *Swaffham*, *January* 16, in the 12th of *Elizabeth*, at *Upton* in *Northamptonshire*, *October* 23d, then last past, possessed of this manor. *Alan Calybut* lived in this town in the reign of *Henry* VI. and married a daughter of ——

[a] Regr. Surflete, Norw.

Saunders; *Francis* his son was living in the 17th of *Henry* VII. *Margaret* his wife died 1515; *John Calybut*, his son, married *Alice*, daughter of Sir *John Wingfield* of *Dunham Magna*, and had *John Calybut*, Esq. his son, who by *Bridget*, daughter of *Robert Huggins*, Esq. of *East Bradenham*, left at his death, (as was found by the inquisition abovementioned, *ao.* 12th *Elizabeth*,) 4 daughters and coheirs; *Margaret*, wife of *Philip Audley*, Esq. of *Palgrave Magna*; ———, wife of *John Wingfield*, Esq. *Susan*, of *Anthony Downing*, Esq. and *Elizabeth*, of Sir *Bernard Whetston*, of *Woodford* in *Essex*; the arms of *Calybut* were *azure*, a chevron between, three crosses pattée, *or*.

By an inquisition taken at *Norwich October* 23, in the 14th of King *Charles* I. ——— *Becke*, Gent. was found to die seized of the manor of *Foxes*, *August* 21, 1636, held of Sir *Robert Coke*, in soccage, of his manor of *Castleacre*; and *Jeremy* was his son and heir.

After this, it was possessed by the *Doves* of *Upton*, in *Northamptonshire*, and sold in the reign of King *George* I. by ——— *Dove*, Esq. to Sir *Thomas Coke* Earl of *Leicester*. It probably came to the *Doves* by the marriage of Mrs. *Frances Beck*, in 1633, (to *Thomas Dove*, Esq.) daughter of *William Becke* of *Castleacre*.

This town was anciently charged for tenths at 12*l.*

Here is a fair kept yearly on St. *James's* day.

The town takes its name from the river *Aa*, and *Re*. *Aa* is a river at *Munster* in *Germany*, and *Aix la Chapelle*, or *Aken*, a river in *Germany*.

The Church is dedicated to St. *James*, and was a rectory, valued at 26 marks, and being appropriated to the priory, a vicarage was endowed, valued at 7 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence, 8*d.*; the present valor of the vicarage is 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is discharged of first fruits and tenths. It is a large regular building, consisting of a nave, a north and south isle, covered with lead, and a chancel thatched; at the west end is a lofty four-square tower, with 5 bells.

At the bottom of the nave lies a gravestone,

Orate p. a'i'a. Wilhelmi Fuller, qui obiit duodecimo die mensis Octob. Ao. D'ni, 1523, *cujus, &c.*

Here is a font with a remarkable lofty cover, ornamented with antique carved work, and painting.

A gravestone,

In memory of Mary Emes, wife of Edmund Hudson, draper, daughter of Edward Barkham, of Southacre, who died August 18, 1608.

On the pannels of the pulpit are painted the four doctors of the church; St. *Austine*, St. *Ambrose*, St. *Gregory*, and St. *Jerome*; and on the chancel screens the 12 Apostles: on the windows of this nave were formerly—bendy of eight, *gules* and *argent*, *Talbot*;—checque, *or* and *gules*, a bend *ermin*, *Clifton*,—*argent*, a lion rampant, *sable*, crowned *or*, *Morley*,—*gules*, a lion rampant, *argent*, *Mowbray*,—three piles in point, *azure*; and *argent*, a fess wavy, between six cross croslets, *gules*.

The east end of the south isle is taken in by a screen, and in old writings is called *Callybut's* chapel: on a grave-stone here

Orate p. a'i'a Margerie nuper uxoris Francisci Calybut, jurisperiti, quæ obijt 28 die Nov. A°. Dni. 1515.

And in a window of this isle, *gules*, a bend between six cross crosslets fitchy, *Howard.*

At the east end of the north isle, which extends itself on the back of the chancel, was also a chapel, and in a window, lozengy, *argent* and *gules*, *Todenham.*

Part of the old rood loft is standing: on the floor of the chancel a grave-stone,

In memory of Anth. Hoogan of Castleacre, Gent: 3d son of Robert Hoogan, Esq. who died July 18, 1585,—with *Hoogan's* arms, *argent*, a chevron vairy, *or* and *gules*, between three hurts, each charged with a lion's gamb of the field; the same arms are on another stone, but the inscription is reaved;—a stone also,

In memory of ----- *Audley*, with his arms, *gules*, a fret *or*.

I have seen a note of *Gybbon Goddard*, Esq.—"that Old *Paine* of *Castleacre*, standard-bearer to King *Henry* VIII. had a daughter married first to *Hoogan*, next to *Audley*, and after to *Humphrey Guybon*, who all lie buried in this chancel." In the east window of it, are the arms of the Earl *Warren*, checque, *or* and *azure*, and about the church also in the windows, were the arms of the Earls of *Arundel*, *gules*, a lion rampant, *or*; *Le Gross*, quarterly, *argent* and *azure*, on a bend, *sable*, three martlets, *or*; *Mortimer* Earl of *Marsh*; *Bohun* Earl of *Northampton*; *Hustings* and *Valentia*, quarterly, Earls of *Pembroke*; *Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*, &c.

Thomas Candeler of *Castleacre*, by his will dated in 1514, was buried in the church, and gave two closes, called *Costing* and *Westgate*, to *Thomas March* and his heirs, "on the condition of keeping a light in the bason before our Lady in the chapel, with 5 waxe candels to be light at ev'ry principal feste, in every dobil feste 2, and every single feste 1; on a neglect whereof, then the church reeves to take the closes, and to keep the same."[a]

Henry Scottyng of *Castleacre*, by his will in 1525, was buried in the chapel of our Lady in this church, and gives to his executors, 6 acres in *Castleacre* field, called *Candelers*, and land in *Suthcrofeldes*, *viz.* one acre and half, a close called *Faxwell's*, 5 roods and an half, and half an acre at the end of the said close; *Item*, another close called *Cherwelles Mylle* of 3 roods, and 3 acres in *Newton* field, called *Lankyns*, to keep his yereday perpetually in the said church, to the value of 6*s.* 8*d.* to the rodeloft light 6*d.* to our Lady and St. *Christopher*, called the *Bokks*, 6*d.* to our Lady's light 6*d.* to St. *Nicholas* perke 6*d.* to the common light 6*d.* perpetually, and on refusing so to do, the churchwardens then to have the said lands, to kepe his yereday and the aforesaid lights.

In this church was the guild of St. *James*, and that of St. *Bennet.*

[a] Reg. Spurlinge, Norw. p. 192. Reg. Grundesburgh, fol. 159.

VICARS.

Reiner de Burgo was vicar in the reign of *Henry* II. or *Richard* I.
1287, *John de Walton*, admitted by *Henry de Holkham*, official to the archdeacon of *Norwich*, on the presentation of the prior and convent: the vicarage then consisted in the whole altarage, confessions in Lent, and legacies, the tithe of lamb and wool, hemp and flax; (that of the mills was then excepted, belonging to the priory, as rectors,) the vicar had also his daily prebend, *viz.* his provision from the priory, with a pension of 10*s.* 8*d.* another of 4*s.* 10*d. per ann.* and was to bear all ordinary dues, and to give 10 pounds of wax in the octaves of Easter-week.
1307, *John de Wysete*, by the prior.
1314, *Robert de Folketon.*
1320, *John de Brecham.*
1329, *John Waryn.*
1349, Bishop of *Norwich*, collated by lapse.
1374, *Ralph Whitlock.*
1383, *William Norman.*
——, *William de Horndon.*
1386, *John de Walpole.*
1392, *John Stegg, alias Stoch.*
1438, *Gilbert Bocher.*
1448, *Richard Brocher.*
1449, *Richard Salysbury.*
1452, *John Synnowe.*
1463, *John Cokkys.*
1476, *William Kelyng.*
1492, *John Pykard.*
1506, *William Stephenson.*
1550, *Robert Pepper*, by the King.
1554, *Richard Patrick*, by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk.*
1586, *Anthony Wolley*, by the assignees of Sir *Thomas Gresham.*
1604, *Samuel Beck*, by *Thomas* Lord *Burghley.*
1606, *William Tomson*, by *Thomas* Earl of *Exeter.*
John Stearn.
George Dochen.
1648, *John Field*, by Sir *Robert Coke.*
1648, *Edmund Turner. Ditto.*
1669, *William Brigg*, A.M. by *John Coke*, Esq.
1709, *Ambrose Pimlow*, by the guardian of *Thomas Coke*, Esq.
1750, *James Thome*, on *Pimlow's* death, by the Earl of *Leicester.*
1756, *Lancaster Framlingham. Ditto.*

CASTLEACRE PRIORY AND MANOR,

Was founded by *William de Warren*, to whom the Conqueror gave the lordship of this town, (the first Earl *Warren and Surrey*,) and dedicated to *God*, St. *Mary*, the Apostles, St. *Peter*, and St *Paul*, and was a cell to the Cluniac monks of St. *Pancrace* at *Lewes* in *Sussex*,

a priory founded by the said Earl. Authors generally agree that it was in the year 1190, but *William*, the first Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, died before this year, in 1189, as Bishop *Tanners* in or before 1085.

In a charter granted to this priory, *William* styles himself Earl of *Surrey*, and for the salvation of his own soul, and that of his father and his mother, and his heirs, gives to this priory the church of *Acre*, the church of *Methelwold* and advowson thereof, the church of *Leaden Roding* (in *Essex*) and advowson, with those of *Wickmere* and *Trunch*, and two parts of the tithes of his demeans, in *Grimston* in *Norfolk*; witnesses *William*, his son, *Wimer*, his sewer, *William Branche, Walkelin de Roset, Hugh de Wanci, Robert de Mortimer*.[3]

Herbert Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed the grant of the founder, and certified that the monks of *Hacra* had entered on that church with his consent, and that the monastery there built was built by his provision.

William, the 2d Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, confirmed the aforesaid grant, and that of 2 carucates of land in *Acre*, given by his father, and all the heath land belonging to *Wick*, and gave also to the priory, part of his own heath land by *Wick*, the land of *Ring*, 2*s. per ann.* in the land which *Osbern* of *Gloucestre* held of him in *Acre*, 2 orchards, and all the ploughland from those orchards to his castle, in which they have founded their new church, because that which they lately had was too little and inconvenient; all the moor by the water under the same, a little part also of another moor which *Wimer*, his sewer, gave, the moiety of a mill by *Sudacre*, and 3*s.* rent, in land at *Linn*; *Ulmar*, the mason, in *Acra*, with his garden and 15 acres of land, 2000 eels in *Meleold* (*Methwold*) for ever, 5*s. per ann.* in land, a garden, and 24 acres of land, to build their church, and whatever land his tenants, in his father's and in his time, gave by his consent, or shall give in tithes, or in churches without his consent, whatever his sewer, *Geffrey* his nephew, and chaplain, held of him at *Wesneham* (*Wesenham*) and at *Chersingehales* (*Gressinghale*) the tithe of the wood, mills, and land, at *Chersingehall*, and of the priest of the same, of the said village 20*d.* of *Ortmar*, 2*s.* of *Anschetine*, 3*s.* the tithe of *Wiresfeld*, the tithe of *Foeldone* (*Fouldon*) 6*s.* which *Roger* gave for the soul of his father at the day of his burial; the tithe of *Geff. de Congham*, the tithe of *Grimston-hall* and mill, the tithe of *Lechesham-hall* and mill, and the church of the said village, with the land belonging to it, the church of *Dunham*, with the land belonging to it, the tithe of land at *Wesneham*, the tithe of *Herebold*, in the said village, and one carucate of land given by *Wimer* at *Camestone*, (*Kempston*) when he took on him the monk's habit; of all these *Roger*, his son, made a donation and grant of, with *Kempston*.

Hugh de Wanci gave the church of *Depeden* (*Burnham Deepdale*) with the land belonging to the same, and the tithe of the manor, the church of *Barseham*, (*Basham*,) with all the land belonging to it, and 3 socmen. All the free-born tenants of the said *William de Warren* the 2d, gave their tithe; *viz. William Talebot, Osbert de Danevela*, (*Denver*) *Ralph de Wanci Euremundus, Ralph, Crisp. Goscelin, Walexan, Henry Brimgar, Osbert*, and *Ralph*, his sons, and their mother, placed their grants on the altar of St. *Mary*, in the said priory.

[3] Regist. Priorat. Castleacr.——Dugd. Monast.

After the death of this Earl, *Rainer de Grancourt* gave his tithes, and *Hugh*, who held of him, his church and tithe, and 60 acres of land, *William de Kally*, his tithe, *Hugh de Fulmodeston* his church and tithe, *Hugh de Brunham* his tithe and 25 acres, with 40 sheep, 4 oxen and one horse, *Walter* of *Congham* his tithe, *Nigel* of *Fincham* his. *Gilbert de Franesham*, *Osmund*, the steward, *Robert de Verlie*, *Peter de Cranwich*, were benefactors in tithes, &c. *Gotwin de Bodelai*, the tithe of the manor of *Rocheam*, &c. *Witbert de Achra*, his mill, and *Ralph de Paveli*, his tithe of *Norwolde*. *Drogo*, son of *William Dapifer*, gave the churches of *East Lexham*, *Dunham*, *Wesenham*, and *Congham*.

The said *William* Earl *Warren* gave also all the land which *William*, the priest of *Rodeham* held of *Lambert de Rosei*, by one knight's fee, by the grant of *Lambert*, and remitted the service of the said fee: the said *Lambert* gave also land at *Siestern* and the tithe of *Warden*, (*Waterden*,) *Robert*, his land at *Gaiton*, the land and church which *Burstan*, the priest of *Barsham*, held; all which was confirmed by him, with the church of *Witton*, which *Turold de Gimingham* gave to this priory, the tithe of *Winebotesham*, which *William*, the chamberlain, held of the Earl, the mill of *Barsham*, with 3 cottagers, 60 acres of heath, and 3 soemen of the said manor, living at *Snaring*, of the gift of *Ralph*, son of *Hugh de Wanci*; the tithe of *Enhale* given by *Baldwin* and *Lambert de Rosei*, the tithe of *Waterden* and *Rodeham*, which *William*, the priest, held of him; and *Walcheline*, his son, for his soul, moreover gave the tithe of *Howeton* and *Rocheland*, and *Norwalda*, the tithe of *Godfrey de Belmunt* of *Chardeston*, and 1000 eels given by *Osmund*, the steward, with land in *Burneham*, all which were also confirmed.

By another grant he gives 2 parts of all the tithes of his fee in *Gaiton*, and *Hillington*, and *Flitcham*, for his own soul and of *Isabell* the Countess, his wife, also *Wicham*, (*Wichingham*,) and *Causton* in pure alms, (which *Wido de Miniecourt* lately held,) for the soul of his brother *Rainald Le Brun*, and confirmed the grant of 40*s. per ann.* in land, which the said *Rainald* gave in *Wichingham*, and 2 parts of the tithes of *Ralph Baliol* in *Dockings*, 2 parts of the tithes of *Jeff. de Quilverdavilla* in the said town, and other tithes given by the said *Rainald*, also the land that *Hugh de Pincheni* and *William*, his son, gave them, *viz.* 60 acres.

The said Earl, with the Countess *Isabell* his wife, and his sons *William* and *Ralph*, granted them 40*s. per ann.* in land at *Barmere*, lands at *Stanhow*, *Plomsted*, *Wickmere*, and at *Iteringham*, and the said *Isabell* gave the church of *Trunche*, which her husband had granted to her.

Henry I. confirmed what this Earl had granted:—"*Notum sit p'sentib; et futuris qd. Ego Henricus, Dei gratia Rex Anglor. p. salute d'i'æ meæ et antecessor. meor. et p. statu, et p. prosperitate regni, concedo Deo et Scæ Mariæ de Achra et S'cis ap'lis Petro et Paulo, et monachis de Sco. Pancratio ibm. Deo servientib; quicquid Will. de Warrenna dedit eis scil. in ip'a Achra duas carucatas terre, et hocq' fregerunt de brueriis ejus, et culturam cum mora ubi ecc' a fundata est*"—*Signum Heni. Regis.—s. Rogeri epi.—s. Robti epi.—s. Willi. Comitis—s. Hen. Comitis—s. Ran. cancell.—s. Gilbi. de Aquila.—s. Herberti Epi.—s. Willi. de Albeni.—s. Willi. de Curcy,—s. Willi.*

" *Meschines.—s. Willi. Piperelli,—s. Stowe,—s. Jordani de Saiaco,—* " *s. Rog. fil. Ric.*"

William, the third Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, on the dedication of the new church of this priory, confirmed all the donations of his ancestors and barons, (that is, lords of towns under him,) in this manner, the mill called *Briggimelle*, another called *Witewelle*, the moiety of which *Alan*, son of *Flaheld*, gave, and *Newmelle*; land at *Barmere*, *Stanhow*, the church and manor of *Wittune*, land at *Bachetune* and *Swafeld*, and *Iteringham*, and *Wulterton*, *Snetesham*, and *Gymingham*; lands in *Massingham*, and in *Rucham*, with the mill called *Edwaldesmill*, of the gift of *Wimer*, the sewer; lands and tithes, with the church of *Chemestune*, the two churches of *Wesecham*, with tithes in *Gersinghale*, the tithe of the demean, a wood and mill in *Alsingers*, the same, in *Lecherham* the church and tithe of the demean; in *Dunham*, the church, in *Wideresfeld* the tithe of the demean, &c. in *Fueldone* the same; in *Winebotesham* the tithe of the land which *William*, the chamberlain, held of the gift of *Roger*, son of *Wimer*; tithe in *Snetesham*; in *Congham* land and the church, in *Grimestun* the tithe of the demean, with lands, &c. there and in *Gayton*, of the gift of *William*, son of *Roger*; in *Rudeham*, *Alwin* with all his substance, and *Godewin*, the smith, with his wife, children, &c. in *Haringeshage*, *Ulchetil*, with his children &c. of the gift of *Hugh de Wanci*, the tithe of the demean of *Depeden*, in West *Barsham*, the church with lands, &c. the church of *Tricheston*, (*Threxton*) and all that *Osmed*[a] his aunt had there in free marriage of the gift of *Lambert de Rosei*; the tithe of *Enehale*, the tithe of *Waterden*, and 16 acres of land in *Sidesterne*; tithe of *Howtone* and *Rocheland* and *Norwold*, of the gift of *Walcheline de Rosei*.

Witnesses, *William* Bishop of *Norwich*, (*viz. Turbus*,) who dedicated the new priory church, *Roger*, archdeacon, *William*, archdeacon, *Reginald de Warren*, &c.

Eborard Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed, about the year 1140, the right of presentation, or right of tithes belonging to this priory, in these following churches; *Acre*, *Newton*, (by *Castleacre*,) East and West *Lesham*, *Dunham Magna*, with St. *Mary's* chapel, *Kempston*, *Wissingesei*, *Wesenham*, St. *Peter*, and St. *Paul*, *Sengham*, (*Shingham*,) *Otringhee*, and *Methwold*, *Wigenhale*, St. *Mary Magdalene*, *Haverhill*, *Depden*, *Haspale*, *Bacheton*, *Trunche*, *Wickemere*, *Itringham*, *Hailedune*, *Fulmodeston*, East *Barsham*, West *Barsham*, *Tatersete*, St. *Andrew*, *Congham*, and the patronage of the monastery of St. *Andrew de Bromholm*.

The patronage of the church of *Dunham Magna*, St. *Mary*, was given by *Herveus Canis*, with 5 acres, by *Rachefwesé*, and part of a meadow at *Southacre*; to this grant *John*, prior of *Sporle*, was witness, *sans date*: he lived in *Henry* the Second's time.

Robert de Vallibus (*Vaux*) gave a mill at *Pentney*, called *Middlemiln*, with a meadow adjoining, and lands in *Gateley* and *Massingham*, in the time of King *William* I.

Roger de Toenio (*Tony*) gave his wood at *Haringhae*, with lands, &c.

William de Peleville gave three parts of the wood of *Dichewode*, and *Richard de Chambers* a part.

[a] Osmed, wife of Philip de Candos.

Jeff. de Faverches gave land at *Massingham*, and *Turold de Massingham.*

Gerard de Maschecival lands at *Snetesham.*

Ingelerius gave lands at *Tofts* and *Tumestun.*

Robert de Frevill and his wife, and others, gave land at *Oteringeheth*, with eels, &c. *Hugh de Grancourt* gave the church of *Fulmodeston.*

Hamlin Plantaginet, Earl *Warren*, &c. confirmed the land called *Suthcroft*, given by *William Tusard*, and the manor of *Bakethorp*, given by *Robert de Frevill* and *Ralph* his son, land in *Hillington*, given by *Roger de Pavely*, and the said Earl, by the advice of *Isabel*, his countess, and *William* his son, gave 60 acres of turbary in the moor of *Marham*, &c.

Wimer, sewer to the Earls *Warren*, gave the church and manor of *Kempston*; *Robert*, son of *Hernisius*, *William*, son of *Herbert*, *Ralph de Rosei*, and *Robert Frevil*, the manor of *Massingham*; *Martin* and *Patric de Bermere*, the manor of *Bermer*; *Osbert de Baliol*, the church of *Haverhill* in *Suffolk*; Sir *Ralph de Beaufoe*, the church and manor of *South Creak*; Sir *Frederic de Carvill*, the church and manor of *Wigenhale* St. *Mary Magdalen*, and a lordship in *Castleacre*; Sir *Robert de Haya* gave the church and manor of *Sutton*, (*Long Sutton* in *Lincolnshire*,) with the chapels of *Luton*, &c. *Jocel. de Flete*, the church of *Flete*;[5] and the lady *Nicholaa de Haya* confirmed the church and manor of *Flete* in *Lincolnshire* in her widowhood, and all that her grandfather *Robert*, her father *Richard*, and uncle *Ralph de Haya* gave, she confirmed, with that which *William* her husband, and *Gerard de Canville* gave.[6]

Roger, son of *Wimer* the sewer, gave and confirmed all that his father and mother *Gilla* gave, the church of *Kempston* with its appertenances; the churches of *Dunham* St. *Andrew*, *East Lexham*, the two churches of *Wesenham*, with the tithe of the lordship of the said village, and lands there, and the tithes that his tenants gave; the tithe at *Lechesham*, and of the mill; the tithe of *Withersfield*, with that of his manor; the tithe at *Winebotesham*, and whatever he gave in *Snetsham* and *Congham*, with the church of that village of his fee.

Alan, son of *Flaald*, and *Adelina* his wife, gave land at *Kempston*, and 20 acres at *Sporle.*

King *Henry* II. confirmed to the priory, the churches of *Newton* by *Acra*, *Southcreak*, and *Flete*, and granted them to be free from all toll.

Sir *Eudo de Arsic*, with the consent of *Alice* his wife, confirmed the grants of *Henry Canis*, father of *Alice* his wife, and gave the causeway of mill-pool, of *Witewell*, and lands; witnesses, *William*

[5] The rector of Flete was obliged to pay 10l. per ann. at Castleacre, for tithes let to farm to him by the priory.

[6] Nicholaa was daughter and heir of Richard de Haiaa, and mother of Thomas de Camville.

William, son of Ernisius, with the consent of this Nicholaa his wife, gave 3 acres of land near the common way, to build a new parish church in Sutton, the old church is in this deed said to be of wood, and the bodies buried there were to be brought to the churchyard of this new church, and there buried, the old to be disused.

Gerard de Camvill confirmed the gift of this church, &c. to the priory in 1186, and others were benefactors in land, &c. in Sutton.

Earl *Warren*, *Nicholas de Kenet*, *Adam de Kailli*, *Alexander*, his son and heir, *Hervey*, his son, &c.

The church of *Haringby* was appointed to them, of the gift of *John Hautein*, lord and patron about 1200, the church of *Fincham* St. *Michael*, about the said time, of the gift of *William Talebot*.

Maurice Knight of *Barsham*, gave the patronage of the church of *Tatersett*, with all his right, &c. in that village in 1175.

Hamelin Earl *Warren*, &c. confirmed the grant of *Walter Tusard*, of all the land called *Southcroft*, in *Acre*, which *Gerard* and *Robert Tusard*, the predecessors of *Walter*, gave.

John Plantaginet, Earl *Warren*, by his deed reciting that, whereas his stewards and others his officers in *Norfolk*, had demanded of this priory certain pensions of meats and drinks as their right, given at first by the monks, out of their free will and respect to the servants of the Earls of *Warren*, belonging to their manor of *Wike*, in *Castleacre*, he by this deed quits claim to the same, and charges his officers not to demand or receive it for the future; dated *May* 10, *Edward* II. 9°.

Symon Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed to the said priory the churches, tithes, and pensions following; the churches of *East Acre*, *Newton*, *South Creak*, *West Barsham*, *Kemeston*, *Methwold*, St. *Mary Magdalen Wigenhale*, 5 marks *per ann.* pension out of the church of *Haverhill*, 3 marks out of *Trunch*, 2*s.* out of *Dunham* St. *Mary*, and 2*s.* out of *Dunham* St. *Andrew*, 2*s.* out of *Bagthorp*, one mark out of *Westbrigg*, one mark out of *Threkeston*, one mark out of *Wichingeset*, 20*s.* out of *East Barsham*, 20*s.* out of St. *Andrew Tatersete*, one mark out of *Fincham* St. *Michael*, half a mark out of *Tatersete All-Saints*, 40*s.* of *Fulmodeston*, and 10 marks out of the same, for the use of the infirmary of the priory; one mark of the churches of St. *Peter*, and of St. *Paul* of *Wesenhamtorp*, half a mark of *East Lexham*, 12*d.* of *Otringehithe*, 2 marks of *Aspehale*, and the following tithes:

[7] In *Wacham*, 2 parts of the tithes of the demean of *Robert de Stuteville*, *Alan Fitz Ralph*, and *Jeff. Fitz John*;—in *Gressinghale*, 2 parts of the tithes of the demeans of the aforesaid *Robert*, and other tithes there;—and in *Scarning* 2 parts of the demeans of *William de Kirtling*, *Ralph Crowai*, *Henry* son of *Isabella*, and of *Ralph de Hyngringeshoe*, &c.:—in *Witheresfield* and *East Lechesham*, all the tithes of the demean of *Robert de Stuteville*;—in *Grimston*, 2 parts of the tithes of the demean of the Earl *Warren*;—in *Depedene*, 2 parts of the demeans of *Ralph de Wanci* and his freemen;—in *Waterdene*, 2 parts of the demean of *Robert Barsham*, *Reginald de* St. *Martin*, with a moiety of 30 acres of the demean of *William de Burnham*;—in *Houton*, *Rokeland*, and *Northmold*, 2 parts of the demeans of *Baldwin de Rosay*, *Hugh*, son of *Richard*, *William de Houton*, *Robert de Katestun*, *Roger de Pavely*, *Ralph de Dunton*, and *Gilbert de Walcham*;—in *Winebotesham*, the tithe of the land which *William* the chamberlain, held;—in *Congham*, 2 parts of the demean of *Augustin*, *Jeff. Fitz Ralph*, and all the tithe of the demeans of *Richard de Wighale*, and of the nuns of *Blakeberge*;—in *Fincham*, 2 parts of the demeans of *Nigellus*, and *William de Spinevill*, *Sampson Talebot*,

[7] The lords of the demeans here mentioned were all benefactors.

Richard de Meyners, *Richard de la Comb*, and *John de Littlewell*;—in *Blownorton*, 2 parts of the demean late of *Ralph Fitz Gilbert*, lord of *Thelvetesham*;—in *Guiton*, *Hillington* and *Flitcham*, 2 parts of the fee of the Earl *Warren*, and *Richard de Merley*;—in *Gately*, all the tithe of the woods of *William de Lisewis*, and of the land called *Telisnap*;—in *Rucham*, 2 parts of the demeans, late of *Hugh de Fokinton*, and a moiety of the tithe of the demean of *Julian*, daughter of *William*, son of *Richard de Wyrmelle*, now of *William Butlers*, and his men;—in *Holkham* and *Claia*, 2 parts of the demean, late of *Hubert de Mount Chensy*, and *Gilbert*, son of *Richard*;—in *North Barsham*, 2 parts of the demean, late of *William Branche*, *William Estre*, and *Reginald*, and of the land late *Hoel de Waterdene*;—in *West Winz* two parts of the demean of *Richard*, son of *Simon*;—in *Eresham*, the tithe of all the demean of *Will. de Freney*;—in *West Lexham*, tithe of the land called *Ralveswde* of the demean of *William Fitz Richard* of *Lechesham*, and in the same 2 parts of the demean late *Roger de Cressy's*;—in *Lirlinge*, 2 parts of the demean late *Osbert de Lirling*;—in *Stanham*, *Crokefeld*, and *Hesse*, 2 parts of the demean of *Geff.* son of *Herlewine*, *Peter de Nerford*, *Hugh de Rickinghale*, and *Walter de Hethfeld*;—in *Titleshale*, 2 parts of the demean of *Robert de Verli*, and *William Capri*;—in *Grimeston*, 2 parts of the demean of *Ralph de Gremeston*;—in *Wichingesete*, 2 parts of the demean, late of *Peter Buzun*;—in *Wechesham*, 2 parts of the demeans, late *Gyrald's*;—in *Fueldun*, 2 parts of the demean, late *Robert de Frevill's*—in *Field-Dalling*, 2 parts of the demean, late of *Roger Bachun*, and *Richard Bachun*;—in *Skerninge*, 2 parts of the demean of *Saer de Frevill*, and tithes of the assart of *Heringshae*;—in *Taverham* and *Draiton*, 2 parts of the demean of *William*, son of *Baldwin*;—in *Wyreham* and *Buketon*, (*Werham* and *Boughton*,) the 3d part of the tithe of the fee of *Arnold de Moesy*, and *Philp Engleis*;—in *Thomestun* and *Tofies*, 2 parts of the demeans of the said monks;—in *Sypedeham* and *Rokeland*, 2 parts of the demean of *John de Kateston*;—in *Narford*, two parts of the demean of *Godwin*, *Jeff.* and *Bundo*, sons of *Saul*;—in *Massingham Magna*, 2 parts of the fee of the late *Robert de Frevill*, and the whole fee of *Caylli*;—in *Wendling* all the tithes of *Great* and *Little Ditchwode*, of the demean late *Roger*, son of *Elwood*, of the fee of *Giffard* and *William de Franchevill*;—in *Fransham* and *Skerninge*, 2 parts of the demean of *Gilbert de Fransham*;—in *Kerdeston* and *Thymelthorpe*, 2 parts of the demean of *Geff. de Bellomonte*;—in *Tatersete*, 2 parts of the demean of the late *William de Bellomonte*;—in *Cloptun*, 2 parts of the demean of *William Grancurt*;—in *Snetesham*, 2*s.* of the demeans of the Earl *Warren*, to be paid by the prior of *Windham*;—in *Stanford*, 2 parts of the demeans of *Robert de Mortimer*;—in *Cloptun*, 2 parts of the demeans of *Peter Giffard* of the Earl *Warren's* fee;—in *Stiberd*, 2 parts of the demean of *Humphrey de Esthawe*, &c.—in *Estbarsham*, all the tithe of the demean late *William de Beaumont*, *Philip de Snaringe*, *Reginald de St. Martin*;—in *Burnham*, 2 parts of the demean, late *Philip de Burnham*, *William de Grancourt*, *John*, son of *Ralph*, *Hugh de Polstede*, *William de Gymingham*, and *Robert Angree*; and in *Depedale*, 2 parts of the demean of *William Fitz Henry*; in *Sidesterne*, 3 parts of the demean of *Alan Fitz Brian*;—in *Dunham*, the tithe of 30 acres of *Atelund* land;—in *Aldeford* and *Westhorp*, 2 parts of the demeans of the late *William de Bottun*, and *Richard Fitz Robert de*

Westhorp;—in *Santon*, 2 parts of the demean of *Adam de Hachebeche*; —in *Feltwell*, 2 parts of the demean of the late *William de Spinewell*;—in *Suthacre*, all the tithe of the land of - - - - - - - ;—in *Hoe*, 2 parts of the tithe of the demean of *John de Hoe*;—in *Shuldham*, 2 parts of the tithe of the demean of *Simon*, son of *Hugh*, *Roger* son of *Jeffrey*, *Roger Trusse-but*, *Thomas de Graville*, *William*, son of *Lambert*, of the land of *Theobald*; in *Marham*, 2 parts of the demean formerly *Herbert de Bexwell's*, and a moiety of the tithe of the whole fee late *Walter de Marham's*;—in *Tyringeton*, 2 parts of the tithe of the demean of *William Herlewin* of the fee of *Bardolf*;—in *Clenchwarton*, 2 parts of the tithe of the land of *De la Hoe*;—dated at *Geywood*, the 31st *July*, 1265, in the 8th year of his pontificate.

And before this he confirmed to this priory 5*s. per ann.* rent, to be received from the rector of *Bunwell* for 2 parts of the tithes of demean of the lady *Agatha*, and her tenants, and 20*s. per ann.* from the rector of *Wiveton*, for two parts of the tithes of the demean of *Bernard* at *Wiveton* and *Sneterley*, (that is *Blakeney*,) and for 2 parts of the tithes of *Robert Aguillon* at *Wiveton*, of the fee of *Branche*.

Sir *Alexander Harsyke* confirmed the *sand-pits* lying by the King's highway, leading from *Whitewell* to *Southacre*, and part of the meadow—witness Sir *Reginald de Dunham*, Sir *Gilbert de Fransham*, Knts. *Eudo de Arsic*, his brother, rector of *Southacre*, and the sub-prior, *Rodeland* his brother.

Martin de Sidesterne and *Imania* his wife, granted lands at *Castleacre*, by fine in the 43d of *Henry* III. and lands at *Sidesterne*, in the 52d of that King to *Walter*, prior of *Castleacre*.

William de Lisewis granted with the consent of *Godfrey*, his son and heir, to this priory, all the tithes of his woods and assarts at *Gateley*, and lands of his demean there, and the tithe of land there called *Tolisnap*, for which they agreed to keep his anniversary, that of his father and mother for ever, *sans date*.

Robert, son of *Ernisius*, *Robert*, son of *Ralph de Massingham*, and *Claricia* his wife, *Hubert*, son of *Richard de Massingham*, were benefactors of lands in *Massingham*; also *Jeffrey de Massingham* and his brethren, who all swore on the holy Evangelists, in the chapter-house of *Acra*, to maintain their grants, which having wax put to them they bit the same, instead of a seal.

Herbert de Suthacre and *Alan de Pagrave* his brother, gave lands of their fee in the said villages, *Herbert* also gave lands at *Rechesness*, where the church of St. *Bartholomew* was founded, and at *Burstall*, which he gave for the soul of *Hugoline* his wife, for the use of the lepers there dwelling, and half a fold-course belonging to his demean, &c.

Alan de Lechesham gave 4 acres in the fields of *Dunham*.

Brion, son of - - - - - -, confirmed to this priory the gift of his father, the church of *Mal* - - - -,[s] the third part of the tithe of the demeans of *Bedale* and of *Frieby* and of *Colvertebi*, and 2 parts of the demean of *Escheto*; and *Constance* wife of *Ralph*, son of *Robert de Gosberton*, daughter of *Brian*, gave lands in *Lincolnshire*.

Alexander, son of *Reginald de Dunham*, gave as much hay as could be carried by a waggon and 3 horses yearly, at autumn, out of his meadow to the use of the sacrist—witnesses, *Eudo de Arsic*, *Thomas de Suthacre*, *Robert de Pagrave*, *John de Fincham*, &c.

[s] Quere, if not some town in Yorkshire?

Maurice de Barsham confirmed all the grants of his ancestors, with the church of *East Barsham*, and the church of *Tatersel*, of his own grant, and gave 2 men, *Brunketel* of *Tatersete*, and *Ralph de West Barsham*, with all their catell, &c.; the said *Maurice*, when he went a pilgrimage to St. *Gyles*, gave all the corn in his barns at *East Barsham*, and *West Barsham*. and 80 sheep.

Richard de St. *Martyn* gave, with the consent of *Julian* his wife, and *Reginald* his son, rent out of a mill at *East Barsham*, the pool belonging to it, and the grist of his men, and land there, and *Richard de Snaring* gave land there.

John L'Strange, land at *Lucheam* for the soul of his father *Robert*, his mother *Maud*, and *Hamon* his brother.

Walter de Wancy, lands at *West Barsham*, and a fold-course for nine score sheep.

William de Vealtre gave the church of *Crichestun*, *(Croxton,)* and all the land there which his grandmother *Osmed* had in dower, and Sir *Walter de Grancourt* quitted his claim therein, and granted the prior to present to this church, as a chapel belonging to *Fulmodeston*.

Ralph de Warren gave 2 fishing boats on the mere of *Suham* in King *John's* time.

Giles de Wachesham, son and heir of *Osbert*, 2 parts of the tithes of *Wachesham*.

John de Nerburgh, by the consent of *Alice* his wife, gave a turbary belonging to his demean in *Nerburgh*, and confirmed the grant of the land given by his father *Reginald*.

Hugh de Fothighetune gave 2 parts of the tithe of his demean in *Rucham*.

Julian, daughter of *William Fitz Richard de Wirmele*, patroness of the church of St. *Mary de Rucham*, with the consent of *William*, her son and heir, granted a moiety of all the tithes of her demean there.

Walter de Grancourt gave by fine, in the 4th of *Henry* III. the church of *Fulmodeston*, which they had of the grant of *Hugh* his ancestor.

Adam Talbot gave by fine, 37th of *Henry* III. the church of St. *Michael* of *Fincham*.

William Bardolf gave the church of St. *Peter* of *North Birlingham*.

John Peckham, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, granted an indulgence of 30 days to all who would pray for the soul of *William*, the 3d Earl *Warren*, and 15 days for that of *Ela* his Countess, and 20 days for the souls of *William* the 1st Earl *Warren* and *Surrey*, and *Gundrede* his wife, dated at *South Malling*, 3d of the Ides of *July*, 1283.

About this time the prior was found to hold 460 acres of arable land, 20 of pasture, 10 of meadow, 5 water mills, with the liberty of fishing therein, in pure alms, and divers other lands in this town, held by 36 tenants, a court baron, 2 folds, 2 free boars, and two bulls, of the Earl *Warren*.

In the 47th of *Edward* III. this priory was made *indigena*, and not subject as a cell to the prior of *Lewes*.

In the 15th of *Richard* II. the church of *Haverhill*, with its chapel, was appropriated of the gift of *Osbert de Baliol*, and in the 2d of *Henry* IV. the church of *South Creak* in *Norfolk*.

Several small priories or cells belonged to this. *Bartholomew de*

Glanville confirmed to it the priory of *Bromholm* in *Norfolk*, founded by his father *William*.

William de Huntingfield gave the priory of *Mendham* in *Suffolk*;—*William*, the third Earl *Warren*, the priory of *Stevesholm* in *Mathwold*;—*William de Lisewis*, and *Godfrey* his son, that of *Normansburgh* in *South Reynham*;—the prior of *Coln* in *Essex* paid an annual pension of 26*s. per ann.*—a pension of 26*s.* 8*d. per ann.* out of the church of *Asphal* in *Suffolk*, and 5 marks out of that of *Geyton* in *Norfolk*, and a pension out of *Barefield Parva* in *Essex*.

On the 22d of *November*, 1583, *Thomas Malling*, prior, and his convent, surrendered this priory, with the manor of *Castleacre Prior's* and all its appertenances, to King *Henry* VIII.; in the surrender deed, it is expressed, "for certain causes, just and reasonable, them, their souls "and consciences, especially moving, together with the site of all "the manors, messuages, lands and tenements, rents and services, fees "advowsons, and all manner of things thereunto belonging, in *Nor-* "*folk*, *Suffolk*, *Essex*, *Middlesex*, *Cambridgeshire*, &c. in *England*, "and *Wales*;" and signed by *Thomas Malling*, prior, and 10 monks viz. *John Hounsword*, *William Burgullion*, *Robert Daniel*, *Robert Fisk*, *William Elis*, *John Betts*, *Edmund Wadenowe*, *John Lowe*, *Robert Saary*, and *Robert Halman*. And these following were found guilty of the most notorious incontinency and uncleanness; *John Betts*, *William Elis*, *Robert Hocton*, *Robert Swope*, *James Helsington*, *Edward Acres*, and *Edward Kirkeby*.

The King, on *December* 22d, in his 39th year, granted the site of this priory, the prior's manor, the impropriated rectory, and advowson of the vicarage to *Thomas Howard*, Duke of *Norfolk*; and in the 2d of *Elizabeth*, the Duke of *Norfolk* alienated it to *Thomas Gresham*, who in the preceeding year had purchased also of *Henry* Earl of *Arundel*, the lordship, or the Earl's manor of *Castleacre*. The Duke is said to convey his part for 2000*l*. *Gresham* conveyed his right in both these lordships to *Thomas Cecil* afterwards Earl of *Exeter*; and his son, *William* Earl of *Exeter*, sold them to Sir *Edward Coke*, whose descendent, the Right Honourable *Thomas Coke*, Earl of *Leicester*, was lord of the manor of *Arundel*, or *Earl's*, *Prior's*, and *Fox's*, impropriator, and patron of the vicarage.

The site of the priory-church lies west of the castle, was a venerable large Gothic pile, of free-stone flint, &c. and built in a cathederal or conventual manner; great part of the front or west end of it is still remaining, where the principal entrance was through a great arch, over which was a stately window; on each side of the great door were doors to enter into the north and south aisles, under the tower, as the grand door served for an entrance into the nave or body; at the north and south ends of this front or west end, stood 2 towers supported by strong arches and pillars; the nave or body had 12 great pillars, making 7 arches on each side, the lowest joining to the towers; on the east end of the nave stood the grand tower, supported by four great pillars, through which was the entrance into the choir; on the south and north side of this tower were 2 cross isles or transepts; and at the end of the north transept there seems to have been a chapel or vestiary; the choir was of equal breadth with the nave and isles, but much shorter, and, at the east end of it, was in form of a chapel, and here stood the high altar, as I take it.

The cloister was on the south side of the church, and had an entrance into it, at the west end of the south isle near to the tower, and another at the east end of the said isle near the grand tower; the chapter-house seems to have joined to the east side of the cloister, and the dormitory to have been over the west part of the cloister. West of the cloister, and adjoining was the prior's apartment, now converted into a farm-house: in a large room above stairs, called now the prior's dining-room, is a curious bow window of stone, consisting of 9 pannels; in the first were the arms of the priory, painted on the glass; in the 2d, the arms of the Earl of *Arundel*, and Earl *Warren*, quarterly, but now broke and gone; in the 3d, *Mowbray* Duke of *Norfolk, gules*, a lion rampant, *argent*;—4th, the red and white rose united, and a crown over it;—5th, *France* and *England* quarterly;—6th, the rose, &c. as above;—7th, Earl *Warren's* arms;—8th, quarterly, the Earl of *Arundel* in the first and 4th quarter, and in the 2d and 3d, *Matrevers, sable*, fretty, *or*, and *Fitz-Alan*, Baron of *Clun*, p. fess, *azure* and *argent*, quarterly;—9th, *argent*, a cross compony, *or* and *azure*, between 12 cross crosslets, fitché, *sable*; the priory arms, as I take it, and these letters *I. W.* joined together by a knot, and under it SPIRITV. PRINCIPALI. CONFIRMA. ME. By this it appears that this window was built by *John Winchelsey*, prior in the reign of *Henry* VII. or VIII. afterwards it might be converted into a dining room, but that it was originally a large chapel, and this room was only the west end of it, is apparent: it extended to the south tower of the church, where, at the east end of it, is a large window, as in a chapel, and a step or ascent here, as to an altar; and on the south wall, near to this ascent, is an arched carved seat of stone, rising in form of a pyramid, with the shield of the Earl *Warren* alone, which testifies it to be an antique pile, built in their time before the patronage of the priory came to the Earls of *Arundel*; and at the north-east corner, near to the altar-place, is a door-place with a stone arch; and here was a stone stair-case which led down into the cloister.

In another room was, a few years past, in a window, the broken portraiture of one of the Earls of *Arundel*, in armour, with a broad sword in his hand, and on his surcoat the arms of *Arundel, Matrevers*, and *Clun*, as above and part of a legend, *My trust ys* ———; also on a chapeau, *gules*, an oaken slip, *vert*, acorned *or*.—There are two prints of the ruins of this priory, one by Mr. *Buck*, who dedicated it to the Lady *Margaret*, Lady Baroness of *Clifford*, and the other by Mr. *Millicent*. The site of it took in several acres; the grand entrance was north of the priory church, where is now standing a large and stately gate-house of free-stone; over the arch as you enter, are the arms of the Earl *Warren*, of *Arundel* and Earl *Warren* quarterly, *France* and *England*, and those of the priory.

The whole site was enclosed with a lofty stone wall, good part of which is still standing.

PRIORS.

Angerine occurs about 1130.
Jordan about 1160.

Richard occurs prior in Bishop *Turbus's* time, Bishop of *Norwich*.
Odo occurs about 1180.
Hugh in 1190 and 1195.
Maimon about 1200.
Lambert de Kempston in 1203.
Philip de Mortimer in 1203 and 1211.
Robert de Alenson about 1220, probably the same with *Robert de Bozun*, who occurs in 1219 and 1227.
Ralph de Wesenham in 1239.
William de Kent.
Adam in 1250.
John de Granges in 1252, and 1255.
Walter de Stanmere in 1258 and 1267.
Robert de Hakebeach in 1270.
William de Scorham.
Benedict in 1286,
Robert Porter in 1308.
John Hamelyn.
John de Acra.
Walter de Franceys in 1311.
Peter de Jocello in 1317, and 1324.
Guy de Charyns in 1329, and 1357.
William de Warren.
Walter Picot.
Thomas Wigenhale.
John Okinston.
Simon Sutton.
Thomas Bayley.
Thomas Tunbridge.
John Shareshale in 1428.
Thomas Bates.
Richard Bennet in 1452.
Nicholas.
John Plumstead.
John Amflets in 1482.
John Winchelsey occurs in 1510.
Thomas Chambers.
Thomas Malling admitted prior in *June*, 1519, sometimes called *Thomas de Castleacre*; he was presented and nominated by the Bishop of *Norwich*, with *John Salisbury*, late prior of St. *Faith's*, at *Horsham* in *Norfolk*, to be suffragan Bishop of *Thetford*, when Archbishop *Cranmer* chose *Salisbury*.

Many persons of quality were here buried, especially those who held lordships, (and were benefactors to this priory) under the Earls *Warren*.——*Alice*, widow of Sir *Eudo de Arsic*, daughter of *Hervey Canis*, lord of *Dunham Magna*, gave 6s. rent *per ann.* out of lands in the tenure of *Alianore* and *Alice*, her daughters, to be paid to the sacrist for the maintenance of a lamp, before the cross, where the body of her husband rests; witnesses, Sir *Alexander de Arsic*, her son and heir, Sir *Fredrick de Capravill*, *Reginald de Geyton*, then seneacal of *Acre*.

Sir *Richard le Rus*, lord of *East Lexham*, gave his body to be buried, with 5 acres of land, and 12*d. per ann.* rent.

In 1428, the spiritualities of this priory were valued at 199*l.* 17*s.*

per ann. and temporalities at 130*l.* 18*s.* 8*d. ob.* At the suppression, valued on the whole as *Dugdale*, at 306*l.* 11*s.* 4*d. ob.* and as *Speed*, at 324*l.* 17*s.* 5½*d.*

A little towards the east of the priory, stood the castle, in a rising ground, from the south to the north, including, with all its outworks and fortifications, about 18 acres of ground, in a circular form; through this there is a way or street, called now the *Bayly-Street*, with houses on each side, running directly north and south; at the entrance of this street, on the north, stands a stone gate-house, with two round bastions, and had 2 doors, an inward and outward one, with a portcullis in the middle; and, no doubt, there was another at the entrance of this street, on the south side, as you come from *Swaffham*, as appears from some marks still remaining. Near the north gate, on the east side of the street, was a chapel for the castle, the walls of which are still standing, and is now a dwelling-house; and on the east-side of the said street, near the middle of it, was a strong stone gate-house, leading into the outward court of the great castle, which was circular, enclosed with a strong and lofty wall of free-stone, flint, &c. and embattled 7 feet thick, a considerable part of which is still remaining, with a deep ditch or entrenchment, and a lofty embattled wall round it; within this was the keep; and cross this deep ditch or entrenchment, are 3 lofty walls at proper distances, which join the castle wall, as buttresses, &c. The whole area of this castle, with its entrenches and ditches, and an outward wall embattled as aforesaid, includes about 18 acres of ground, and reaches near the river; where, under this embattled outward wall, is a terrace walk, which affords a pleasant and agreeable prospect over the country, and water to supply and fill the ditches. The other part of the fortifications, lying on the west side of this *Bayly-Street*, is called the *Barbican*, and contains above 10 acres of land, and was enclosed by deep ditches, entrenchments, and high ramparts.

This castle, no doubt, was as agreeable for its appartments as its strength, and it appears that King *Edward* I. was entertained herein by Earl *Warren*, in *January*, 1297: and one thing is further remarkable of it, that the Earl *Warren*, the founder, though he had 140 lordships in *Norfolk*, chose this for his chief great honour or lordship, and a residence; and his other lordships were dependant on it; and in this castle was a chapel with monks therein, before the death of the first Earl *Warren* in 1089.

Jeffrey de Balie before the gate of the castle ——— was witness to a deed in the reign of King *Stephen*; and *Richard de Acre* gave by deed *sans* date, a messuage in the *Baylie*, to find a lamp burning day and night, before the altar of St. *Nicholas*, in the priory church of *Acre*; and *John Mareschall de Balio* was witness to a deed *sans* date. Mr. *Buck* has a print of the ruins of this castle, dedicated to Lord *Lovell*, afterwards Earl of *Leicester*.

The *Romans* seem to have had a station here, where the castle now stands, which might have induced also the first Earl *Warren* to make choice of it; and from the north part of the present entrenchments, there runs a way which goes to *Castleacre-Wicken* and from thence it proceeds over the country leaving *Massingham* and *Houghton* on the right, and *Anmer* on the left hand, and is commonly called the *Peddar's-Way*, and between the 2 last mentioned towns, on the said

way, may be observed many *tumuli*; hence it tends in a direct course, leaving *Frenge* a little on the right hand, and so for *Ringsted*, &c. the sea coast, and *Brancaster*.

Several *Roman* coins have been found here, and some lately of *Vespasian*, *Constantine*, &c.

And not many years past, a cornelian seal or ring, with the impress of an emperor, his head radiated, was found in a close called *Arundel Close*.

CLENCHWARTON.

At the survey it is wrote *Ecleuuartuna*, a word compounded, and bespeaks a town, seated on a moist watery soil, by a river:[9] *Hugh de Montfort's* manor, of which we have treated in *Islington*, extended into this village, and of this manor the family of *Scales*, and that of *Ingaldesthorp*, held each a moiety. The town was divided (as appears from ancient records) into *North* and *South Clenchwarton*. *Robert de Scales*, in the first of *Edward* I. held one fee and a quarter in *capite* here, in *Islington*, *Tylney*, &c. and had the assise of bread, &c.

In the 18th of *Edward* II. *Robert* and *Egelina* his wife were found to hold of the King in *capite*, a moiety of the advowson of this church, which always went along with the lordship; from the *Scales's* it came to *Woodvile* Earl *Rivers*, afterwards to *Tyndale*, as may be seen at large in *Middleton*; *John Tyndal*, who was lord in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, alienated it to *William Tyndal*, together with the advowson of the church.

About the 20th of *Elizabeth*, *Francis Southwell* was possessed of it, and on his death, in the 24th of that Queen, it descended to his son *Miles Southwell*, Esq. who conveyed it in the 30th of that reign, to Sir *John Willoughby*; and his son, Sir *Henry Willoughby*, on *November* 19, in the 9th of King *James* I. had license to alienate it to *William Gybon*, Esq. and his heirs, (as may be seen in *Islington*) together with the patronage of the church.

The *Ingaldesthorps* held the other moiety of *Montfort's* manor, and a moiety of the advowson; in the 12th of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *Thomas* son of *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*, and *Robert de Scales*, petents, and *William* son of *Alan* of *Clenchwarton*, whom the abbot of *Derham* called to warrant, of the advowson of this church, granted to *Thomas* and *Robert*; in this family it continued, and on the death of Sir *Edmund de Ingaldesthorp*, in the 35th of *Henry* VI. it descended to *Isabell* his daughter, and sole heir, married to *John Nevill*, Marquis *Montacute*.

John, rector of the church of St. *Edmund* of *Castre*, gave to the

[9] Thus Cley, Eccles, Eccleshall, and Ware, &c. names of towns.

nunnery of *Crabhouse*, a messuage, and 38 acres of land, here and in *Wigenhale*, held of the *Ingaldesthorps* by the service of 2*s. per ann.* in the 38th of *Edward* III.

THE EARL OF CLARE'S MANOR.

WILLIAM DE SCOHIES, lord of *Islington*, had 40 acres of land, held of him by *Richard*, valued at 6*s.* *Rosrid* had possessed it, but *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk* desseized him of half of it, and held it on his being attainted; and *Urvoi*, a man of *Rosrid*, held it at the survey of *Scohie's* fee, and claims it by the King's patronage;[a] from *Scohies* it came to the *Giffards* Earls of *Bucks*, and from them to the Earls of *Clare*.

John, son of *Thomas de Reynham*, Sir *Philip de Fenn*, Sir *John de Wigenhale*, and their tenants, held 3 parts of a fee in *Clenchwarton*, *Tilney* and *Wigenhale*, of *Richard Fitz-Simon*, in the reign of *Henry* III. of the honour of *Clare*; and *John*, son of *John de Wodenorton*, impleaded *John*, son of *Thomas de Reynham*, for 60 acres of land, 30*s.* rent, and the moiety of a messuage in *South Clenchwarton*, *Tilney*, and *Wigenhale*, as his right, in the *octaves* of St. *Hillary*, 14 *Edward* I. and in the said year, *Alice*, widow of *Walter Fenne*, impleaded *William de Lindesley*, for the moiety of mill in this town.

In the 7th of *Edward* II. a fine was levied between *Robert de Watervile*, and *Alice* his wife, *Alan*, parson of *Washingle* church, and *William Belet*, of 3 mesuages, 2 mills, 100 acres of land, 7 of meadow, in this town, *Wigenhale*, *Seche*, and *South Lynn*, conveyed to *Robert*, &c.; and in his 8th year, *Tho. de Warblington* was found, as appears from the escheat rolls, to hold here, in *Middleton*, *Tilney*, *Wigenhale*, *Sechy*, *Sadlebowe*, *South Lynn*, *West Winch*, and *Hardwick*, half a fee of the honour of *Clare*; in the following year, *John de Fitton* was presented to have a lordship in *Clenchwarton*; and in the record it is said to be an hamlet to *South Lynn*, together with *West Lynne*, and *North Lynne*, of which the Bishop of *Ely*, and the Lord *Scales* were also lords; in the 17th of the said King, *Gilbert de Say*, and his tenants, were found to hold 5 fees in this town, *Midleton*, *Wirham*, *Stoke*, *Boketon*, *Geyton*, *Cokesford*, &c. as belonging to the Earl of *Surry*, but really belonging to the honour of *Clare*, after, *ao.* 3 *Henry* VI. held by *Elizabeth* Lady *Say*.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. Sir *John Howard*, *John de Wigenhale*, &c. feoffees of *William de Wigenhale*, held 3 parts of a fee in *Tilney*, *Wigenhale*, and here, which *John*, son of *Thomas de Reynham*, and *Phil. de Fenne* formerly held; and in the 20th of *Richard* II. Sir *John Howard* confirmed to *Margaret*, late wife of Sir *Robert Howard*, Sir *Simon de Felbrigg*, Knt. *Robert de Felbrigg*, &c. the manor of *Reynham* in *Clenchwarton*; witnesses, *Laurence Trusbut*, *Edmund Kervile*, *Thomas Howard*, *William Coot*, *John Drye*, &c. dated at *East-Winch* on the feast of the Nativity of the *Blessed Virgin*, and Sir *John Howard* was lord in the 7th of *Henry* IV.

[a] Terra Willi de Scohies——In Eccleuuartuna tenet Ricard. de W. xl ac. et val. vi sol. hanc t'ra. tenuit Rosrid et comes Rad. derationavit dimidiam et tenuit ea die q. forisfecit mo. eatenet Urvoi ho. Rosridi ad feudu. Willi. de Scohies, et revocat regem ad tutorem.

Afterwards it came to the *Veres* Earls of *Oxford*, the *Tyndales*, so to *Southwell*, *Willoughby*, and *Guybon*.

Here was also a manor belonging to the said fee, held by Sir *Edmund de St. Omer*, son of ——— *de St. Omer*, and ——— his wife, daughter of ——— *Sejoul*, by whom, as I take it, this manor came; the *Sejouls* held lands in *Mershland*, and in the church of *Tilney* were their arms, *vert*, a cross patoncé, *or*. Sir *Edmund de St. Omer* had by her, *Sybill*, a daughter and heir, married to Sir *John Wythe*, lord of *Smalburgh* and *Worstede* in *Norfolk*, and of *Hepworth* in *Suffolk*, and after to Sir *William Calthorp*, whose daughter and heir, *Ann*, married Sir *John Calthorp*, son of Sir *William*, of *Burnham Thorp* in *Norfolk*, who was lord; and afterwards Sir *Philip de Calthorp*, whose daughter and heir, *Elizabeth*, married Sir *Henry Parker*: his son, Sir *Philip Parker*, died seized of it, as appears from his will, proved in *April* 1535, and Sir *Henry* had livery of the manor of *North Clenchwarton*, *Calthorp*, *Smallburgh*, &c. in the 3d of *Edward* VI.[a]

In the 7th of *Elizabeth*, *Edmund Kervyle* had a *præcipe* to deliver to *Jeffrey Cobb*, and *Thomas Might*, the manor of *Calthorpe*, with messuages and lands here, in *North* and *West Lyn*, *Terrington*, *Walpole*, *Walton*, *Walsoken*, *Ilsington* and *Wigenhall*, probably on a marriage settlement, or on some trusts.

The prior of *Walsingham* had also a manor, or considerable estate here, of the honour of *Clare*.

In the 20th of *Edward* IV. he had a patent for certain tenements here, in *Walsingham Magna*, *Hindringham*, and a manor in *Flytcham*, *Norfolk*, called *Snoring*; and in 1572, I find it to be let at 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* to *John Bowles*, Gent. from the Crown, as I take it.

The prior of *Shouldham* had also a manor held of the said honour of *Clare*, given chiefly by *Jeffry Fitz Piers* Earl of *Essex*, to that priory, on his foundation of it.

In 1428, the temporalities of that house were valued at 8*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

The prior of *Norwich* had also temporalities valued in 1428, at 2*s.* 3*d. per ann.*

The prior of *Castleacre* had possessions.[b]—*Jeffrey de Wigenhale* confirmed to those monks, the lands called the *How*, in the fields of *Clenchwarton*, which his father gave him, and which *Thomas*, son of *Hamon de Wigehale*, gave by deed to *Jeffrey* his father, *sans date*;—witnesses, Sir *Robert de Scales*, Sir *Richard de Wigehale*, *Robert de Sculham*, *Reg. de Geyt*, *Ad. de Rokeland*, *William de Salle*, &c. and *Clement*, son of *Jeffery de Wigehale* confirmed the same, as did *Maud*, late wife of the said *Jeffrey*, mentioning the lands to be bought by her husband, of *Thomas*, son of *Ham. de Wigehale*, and *Maud* his wife.

Maud, daughter of *John Supescude* of *Enemethe*, granted by deed *sans date*, to *Thomas*, son of *Ham. de Wigehale*, lands in *Clenchwarton*, lying between the land of *Thomas de Houghe*, the fee of *Tychewelle*, and released to him her right in 4 acres of land in *Titchwell* with the homages of several thereto belonging, to be held at the yearly rent of 12*s.* 10*d.* &c.—witnesses, *Jeffrey*, son of *William de Wigehalle*, *Thomas de Reynham*, &c.

[a] Regr. Platfoot, Norw. p. 39. [b] Regist. Castleac. fol. 83, 84.

Simon Bishop of *Norwich*, in 1265, confirmed to this priory, 2 parts of the tithes of the land *De la Hoe*.

In 1428 the temporalities of this priory were valued at 1*l.* 16*s.* 5*d. ob.*

The temporalities of the priory of *Westacre*, in 1428, valued at 3*s.* 6*d.*—*John Sutton* aliened to this house 60 acres of land in this town, *Tilney*, *Tirington*, *Wigenhale*, &c. in the 6th of *Edward* II.

Temporalities of *Pentney* priory in 1428, in this town, 18*d. per ann.*

Temporalities of the abbey of St. *Edmund* at *Bury* in 1428, 6*s.* 10*d.*

Temporalities of *West Derham* abbey, in 1428, 1*l.* 16*s.*

Temporalities of *Wirmegay* in 1428, 10*s.*

The prioress of *Blackborough* had a patent for tenements in *Clenchwarton*, *Tilney*, *Wigenhale*, *Suthlenne*, and *Middleton*, in the 25th of *Edward* III. and one in the 43d of that King, for tenements in *North Clenchwarton* and *North Lenne*, and their lands in this town were afterwards let at 4*l. per ann.*

The manor of *Kenwick* in *Tilney*, held by the Earl *Fitz Williams*, is said now to extend into this town, *West Lyn*, *North Lyn Islington*, *Wigenhale*, St. *Mary Magdalen*, St. *German's*, and St. *Peter's*.

In the 16th of *Richard* II. *Richard Palmer*, &c. aliened to the chantry in St. *Peter's* of *West Lenne*, a messuage, 57 acres of land, 106 of moor, in *North Clenchwarton* and *South Lenne*.—*Nicholas Strange* had license to alienate lands, &c. in *Clenchwarton*, &c. to *Richard Nicholls* in the 5th of *Edward* VI. and he held them in the 4th of *Elizabeth*.

The CHURCH of *Clenchwarton* is dedicated to St. *Margaret*; it consists of a single isle, or a nave, a chancel covered with lead, and has a square tower, with 4 bells.

In the chancel is a gravestone,

In memory of Thomas Trise, Alderman of Newark in Nottinghamshire, who died in this town, May 19, 1647.

On another,

Hic jacet (una cum quinq; ipsius liberis, patre superstite, defunctis) venerabilis vir Marcus Forster A. M. hujus ecclesiæ rector, qui cum annos quadraginta in agro Domini strenue laborasset ad mercedem recipiendam in cælestem paradisum evocatus, obijt die Januarij ultimo A. D. 1719, *ætatis suæ* 70.

Also one,

In memory of Roger Spenuley, Gent: bur. 16, *March*, 1650, *aged* 39.

On the wood-work of the church are the arms of *Scales* and *Ingelthorp*.

On a monument in the churchyard,

Maria charissima conjux Rici. Trife Generosi hic sita est Oct. 24, *A.D.* 1660, *ætat. suæ* 28.

Moribus insignis, formâ, pietate, pudore,
Exemplum sexus, atq; corona viri.

Nec pudendis fuit natalibus, filia nempe unica Henri. Williamson et Marthæ, uxoris suæ, quorum omnium reliquas, hic tumulus habet. On it *ermin*, on a chevron *sable*, a lion rampant *or*, on a chief *gules*, three mullets of the first, *Trise*, impaling *argent*, on a chevron ingrailed, *azure*, between three trefoils slipped, *sable*, as many crescents, *or*.—*Williamson.*

The church is a rectory anciently valued at 18 marks, *Peter*-pence 1*d.* the rector then, on account of this rectory and 24 acres of glebe lands belonging to his church, which lie on the flux and reflux of the sea, was obliged to defend and maintain 24 rods of the sea bank, against the assault of the sea, at 16 feet *per* rod, and according to the quantity, breaking and irruption of the said banks, the rector is obliged to expend 40*l.* and greater sums, but he yearly expends, or ought to do, about necessary repairs and preserving the said banks, 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* at least; the present valor is 14*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is not discharged of tenths, &c.

RECTORS.

1268, *Robert Russell*, instituted rector, presented by the King.

1303, *Roger de Reydon*, by Sir *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp.*[a]

1328, *Robert de Beremere*, (an exchange for *Haverill*,) by Sir *Robert Scales.*

1334, Mr. *Thomas Durant*, by Sir *John Ingaldesthorp, cum capella de South Clenchwarton.*

1349, *William Waryn*, by Sir *Robert Scales.*

1351, *William Coupere*, by Sir *William de Ingaldesthorp.*

1377, *Robert Lorymer*, by Sir *Thomas Maundevil*, Knt. *John Cley*, &c.

Robert Dygges, in 1399, occurs rector, as appears by a deed, probably the same person.

1408, *John de Wattesson*, by Sir *John de Ingaldesthorp.*

1448, *William Wykeham*, by Sir *Thomas de Scales* Lord *Scales* and *Nucellis.*

1456, Mr. *Thomas Sutton*, LL. B. by Sir *Thomas*, &c.

1457, Mr. *Thomas Sutton*, by Sir *Thomas Fynderne.*

1503, *Clement Rochestre*, by *Humphrey Conynsby*, serjeant-at-law.

1505, *Thomas Wotton*, by *H. Conynsby*, guardian of *John Tindale*, a minor.

1530, *William Furlan*, by *John Tendall*, Esq.

1537, Mr. *Robert Codde*, in *decret. baccal.* by Sir *John Tindall.*

1538, *John Clenchewarton, alias Watson*, by the assignees of Sir *Christopher Jenney*, serjeant-at-law.

1548, *Robert Chalderton*, by *Thomas Tindale* of *Hockwold*, Esq.

1579, *Marmaduke Neave*, by the assignees of *William Tindale*, Esq.

In 1602, *Thomas Howes* was rector, and compounded, *November* 12, for first fruits.

John Canham, rector.

In 1642, *Ambrose Roberts*, rector, compounded *May* 3d.

1679, *Mark Foster*, A. M. died rector, 1719.

[a] Institut. Book, in the Bishop's Office at Norw.

1720, *Henry Whall*, by *Cha. Green* and *Thomas Whale*.[5]

1736, *Robert Stoner*, on *Whall's* death, by *Ann Hutchingson*, *Thomas Moore*, and *John Stoner*.

1756, *Thomas Stoner*, on his petition, as patron.

The Bishop of *Ely's* manor of *Islington* extended into this town, and claimed wreck, assize, &c. and other liberties here, as in his other lordships, in the 3d of *Edward* I.

The Lord *Bardolf's* manor in *Tilney* extended here, and *Henry Noon* held half a fee here, in *Tilney*, and *Wigenhale*, in the 5th of *Henry* VI. of the honour of *Wirmegay*.

Sir *John Perrot*, Knt. had lands here in the tenure of *Thomas Guybon*, granted to him, *July* 27, in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*.

CONGHAM.

THAT is a ham or dwelling by the river *Cong*, as called by the ancient *Britons*; thus *Congleton*, also, a town in *Cheshire*.

William Earl *Warren* and *Surrey* had a carucate of land held before the conquest by a freeman, and 14 borderers, one carucate in demean, with half a carucate amongst the tenants, the moiety of a fishery; 12 freemen also held half a carucate, with 15 acres of land the moiety of a salt-pit, and 8 acres of meadow, valued at 20*s*. which he had by an exchange of lands at *Lewes* in *Sussex*.

He had also the patronage of a church here, and one carucate of land held by a freeman, eleven borderers, and one servus, with 10 acres of meadow; there was one carucate in demean, and 5 freemen held 8 acres of land, and half a carucate, with a mill, valued at 20*s*.

And one freeman here, and 2 freemen in *Grimstun*, had each a carucate of land, 14 borderers, a carucate and an half, and 15 acres, and 11 of meadow; and 8 freemen half a carucate and 11 acres of land, the moiety of a salt-pit, valued at 22*s*. *per ann*.[6]

[5] Mr. Hen. Whale, clerk, patron in 1730, and 1742: he purchased it of Sir Francis Gibbon.—Whale sold it to Stoner, who has conveyed it to Ant. Ethe-ridge of Roydon, Gent.

[6] Tre. Willi. de Warrenna.———In Congreham, i car. tre. lib. ho xiiii bord. semp. i car. in dominio, et dim. car. hom. dim. piscar. et xii lib. hoes xv acr. tre. et dim. car. et dim. sal. et viii ac. pti. et val. xx sol. h. totu. est p. escag. de Lacy.

In Congheham i eccl'ia. i car. terre ten. un. libu. hoem. xi bord. et i serv. et x ac. pti. semp. i car. in dnio. et v lib. hoes viii ac. tre. dim. car. et i mol. et val. xx sol.

In ead. i lib. ho. et in Grimestuna, ij lib. homine o'nis i car. tre. xiiii bord. inter eos i car. et dim et xv ac. et xi ac. pti. et viii lib. homines, xi ac. terre dim. car. et dim. sal. et val. xxii sol.

CONGHAM MANOR.

What the Earl *Warren* held as above mentioned, at the survey, was afterwards held under him by different persons, but the principal part of it was granted to a family, who being enfeoffed herein, assumed the name of *Congham*, as lords of it. *Walter de Congham* was lord, and *Jeffrey de Congham*, and gave their tithe to the priory of *Castleacre*, in the time of *Henry* I.

Jeffrey de Congham held 2 carucates of land, with a messuage here and the advowson of the church of the priory of *Castleacre*, before the reign of King *Henry* III. and about the 20th of that King, *William de Congham* was found to hold 3 parts of a fee of the Earl *Warren*.

In the 52d of the said King, *Hugh Jernegan* and *Ela* his wife released by fine to *Robert*, son of *John de Fransham*, a messuage, 90 acres of land, and 10*s*. rent, here and in *Hyllington*, with all their wards, reliefs, escheats, &c. being *Ela's* inheritance, daughter and heir of Sir *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*; and in the 16th of *Edward* I. *Thomas de Jernemutha* (*Yarmouth*) and *Aveline* his wife, sold lands here to *John de Congham*.

At an assise held at *Lynn*, on *Thursday* in pentecost week, in the 30th of *Edward* I. before *R. de Rocheford* and *Henry Spigurnel*, the jury found *Ralph de Congham* to hold a messuage, 2 carucates of land, and the advowson of a church of the prior of *Castleacre*, by the service of 30*s. per ann.* and the rent being in arrears, the prior strained for the same, and *Adam de Congham*, with others unknown, recovered the seizure, so that the prior recovered damages to the value of 9*l.* and *Adam* was taken into custody.

About this time, *Henry Digon* and *Philippa* his wife, and *Reginald de Sprouston* held 2 parts of a fee of the heirs of *Jordan Folyet*; this *Reginald* presented as lord to the church of St. *Andrews* in 1300, and 1305, and in the reign of *Edward* II.

Robert de Repps was found to hold a quarter of a fee in this town, and *Geyton*, of the Earl of *Pembroke*, as of the castle of *Acre*; but in 1329, and 1343, *Reginald de Baldeswell*, and in 1349, *Thomas de Baldeswell*, presented to the church aforesaid, as chief lords of this fee; in 1367, *Adam Humpfrey* of *Refham*, and in 1385, but soon after in 1388, *Adam Pyk*; and in 1400, *Edmund Belytter*, *alias Belzester*, who with his parceners were found to hold the fourth part of a fee in the next year; and in 1416, it was in the hands of *John Spicer*, who then presented.

Reginald de Baldeswell, *Robert Chappe*, junior, &c. held lands, late *John Congham's*, in the 20th of *Edward* III. of *Hugh de Hastings* and *John Camoys* of the manor of *Gressenhale*, which *Henry Digon* and *Reginald de Sprouston* formerly held.

After this it came to the *Pastons*, and *John Paston*, son and heir of *William Paston*, in 1446, released to *Thomas Daniel*, Esq. and his heirs, all his right herein; the said *Thomas* presented as lord in 1448, and in 1475. *Henry Wodehouse* presented as lord, and Sir *Edmund Wodehouse*, in 1479, after this Sir *Henry Colet* in 1482, and 1487, probably as a trustee or mortgagee, (he was a citizen and lord mayor of *London*) for in 1504, and 1522, Sir *Thomas Wodehouse* was lord and

patron; and in the 31st of *Henry* VIII. this manor was conveyed by *Thomas Wodehouse*, Esq. to *H. Jordan*, Gent. who presented in 1552; and from him to *Humphrey Bastard*, who was lord in 1580. *Humphrey*, in the 26th of *Elizabeth*, released to *William Bladwell* of *Thurlow Magna*, in *Suffolk*, all his right herein; but in 1595, *Henry Spelman*, Esq. was lord and patron, and afterwards his son, Sir *Henry Spelman*, who was born here, a gentleman of eminent worth and fame at this day, for his learning and knowledge in antiquity; as appears from his works that are published by Doctor *Gibson*, Bishop of *London*, with his life, &c.

He was son of *Henry Spelman*, Esq. of this town, by *Frances*, his first wife, daughter of *William Saunders* of *Ewell* in *Surry*, Esq. second son of Sir *John Spelman*, Knt. of *Narburgh*, 2d judge of the King's Bench, by *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of *Henry Frowick* of *Gunnersbury*, in *Middlesex*. Sir *Henry*, by his wife *Eleanor*, eldest daughter and coheir of *John L'Estrange* of *Sedgeford* in *Norfolk*, Esq. had Sir *John Spelman*, his son and heir, and *Clement Spelman*,[7] his 2d son, a cursitor baron, &c.—Sir *John*, his eldest son, married *Anne*, daughter of Sir *John Townsend* of *Rainham* in *Norfolk*, was educated at *Cambridge*, (probably in *Trinity* College, where his father was a student,) and wrote several learned treatises, as may be seen in *Wood's Ath. Ox.* vol. ii. and when King *Charles* I. retired to *Oxford*, about 1642, he followed him, died there in *Brasen Nose* college, of the camp disease, *July* 24, and was buried on the 26th of the said month, 1643, in the church of St. *Mary*, at *Oxford*, leaving this character, that he was *Vir acerrimi judicii, summi ingenii, et probatissimæ morum suavitatis.*

In 1638, Sir *John* presented to the church of St. *Andrew*, as lord and patron; and in 1674, *Roger Spelman*, Esq. of *Holme*, who was his eldest son, and had a brother, *Charles*, who presented in 1684, from whom it came to *Charles Spelman*, rector of the church of St. *Andrew*.

After this, the manor was conveyed to the *Mordants*, Sir *Charles Mordaunt*, Bart. of *Massingham-Parva*, (of whom see there,) being the present lord.

RUSTEYN'S AND REED HALL MANOR.

The manor of *Grimston*, held by the Earl of *Sussex* and *Arundel* extended into this town.[8] In the 27th of *Henry* III. *William de Rustengh* held of the honour of *Rysing*, on knight's fee assigned in dower, to *Isabel*, widow of *Hugh* Earl of *Arundel*. This family was early enfeoft in this lordship; several of them gave lands, &c. by deeds, *sans* date, to the priory of *Wimondham*, soon after its foundation. *Nigel de Rustenden*, or *Rusteyn*, and *Robert de Rusteyn*, gave them a marsh in *Snetesham*, and 40 acres of land in *Sharnbourn*, for his own soul, and that of *Aldreda* his wife; and *Roger de Rustein* gave a mill in *Snetesham*: he lived about the reign of *Henry* II. and married *Ethildreda*, daughter of *Roger de Dersingham*, relict of *Jeffrey de Sharnbourn*; *William Rusteyn*, lord of this manor, accompanied *William*

[7] Of Clement see Ath. Oxon. v. 2.

[8] Claus. p. 2, m. 3.

Earl of *Sussex* and *Arundel* into the *Holy-land*, and was there knighted by him, in *Richard* the First's time.

William Rusteng conveyed in the 8th of *Edward* I. to *Alice*, one of his daughters and coheirs, on her marriage with *Ralph de Kirketon*, a messuage, with lands in this town, *Grimston*, *Hillington*, *Rysing*, *Rydon*, &c. and the said *William* impleaded, in the 18th of that King, *Robert* Lord *Monthaut*, lord of *Rysing*, and his servants, for expeditating a dog of one of his villains, and recovered damages, this village being found to be out of the liberties of *Rysing* chase; and to this fee the church of *All-Saints* in *Congham* belonged, which was appropriated to the priory of *Windham*.

In the 20th of *Edward* I. the heirs of the Lady *Alice Rusteyn*, and their tenants, were found to hold half a fee of the heirs of *Robert de Tateshale*.

Thomas Thursby, Esq. was lord of *Rusteyn's* and *Reed-hall*, in the reign of *Henry* VIII. and died seized of them in the 36th of that King, and several great parcels of land in this town, *Geyton Geyton-Thorp*, *Rydon*, &c. held of the honour of *Tateshale*, by knight's service, leaving *Edmund* his son and heir, as appears from the escheat rolls; and *Thomas Thursbye* was lord in the beginning of Queen *Elizabeth's* reign; but in the 39th of *Elizabeth*, *Henry Spelman*, Esq. was possessed of the manors of *Rustein's* and *Reedhall*, with messuages, &c. in *Rydon*, *Grimston*, *Hillington*, &c. in which family it remained some time.

Anthony Hamond of *Wooton*, Esq. was lord in 1750, and his son inherited it. The present lord is *Henry Cornish Henley*, Esq. as in *Sandringham*.

TATISHALE'S, PETEGAR'S, OR BELETER'S.

EUDO, son of *Spirewin*, ancestor of the family of the *Tatishales*, had also a manor here, that of *Hillington* extending into this town; part of this was held by *John de Thorp*, in right of *Alice* his wife, in the 31st of *Edward* I. of *Robert de Tateshale*, by three quarters of a fee; the church of St. *Mary's* of *Congham* belonged to this fee of *Tateshale*, which afterwards descended to his heirs; for in 1329, the King presented to that church, as guardian to *John de Orreby*, and came to that family by the marriage of *Isabel*, one of the coheirs of *Tateshale*.

In the 4th of *Edward* III. *Robert*, son of *John de Thorp*, was found to hold of *John Congham*, in soccage, a messuage, and lands here; and in the 14th of that King, *John*, son of *Robert de Thorp*, Knt. was found to hold of *Richard Belhouse*, by homage and the service of 3*s. per ann.* a messuage, and lands here; in the preceding year, this *John*, granted to the abbess of St. *Clare*, in the *Minories*, without *Aldgate*, *London*, and her successours, an annuity of 20 marks out of his lands here, and 20 marks out of his lands in *Combs*, and *Helmingham* in *Suffolk*; as did *Robert de Martham* a like annuity out of his lands in *Martham*, *Repps*, &c. in *Norfolk*, during the life of *Catherine* widow of *John*, son of Sir *Oliver de Ingham*.

In the 19th of *Edward* III. a fine was levied between *Robert Chape*, junior, and *Christiana* his wife, querents, and Sir *John Bardolf*

of *Mapledurham*, deforcient, of the 3d part of this manor, and lands here, with the services of divers tenants, conveyed to *Robert*; and in the 39th of that King, *Richard Holdich* had an interest herein, and a grant of free warren.

The family of *Cromwell*, as heirs to *Orreby*, were capital lords of the fee; and *Ralph de Cromwell*, Lord *Tateshale*, presented to St. *Mary's* church in 1391; and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Edmund Belzetter*, alias *Belytter*, *Richard Chappe*, and *Richard Holditch*, held half a fee of the Lady *Maud Cromwell*.

Thomas Shouldham, Esq. by his deed dated on *Thursday* before the feast of St. *Matthew* the Apostle, in the 33d of *Hery* VI. released all his right here, to *William Bozun*, in lands, &c. formerly Sir *Richard Belhouse's*.

The principal part or fee was, in 1487, in Sir *Robert Ratclyff*, who then presented to the church aforesaid; in 1517, in *Thomas Wyndham*, and *Robert Drury*, and continued in the *Windhams* several years, and came afterwards to Sir *Henry Spelman*, in whose family it remained, as is shown in the manor of *Congham*.

But though the principal part was thus conveyed, yet a part of the *Tatishale* manor which was in the *Thorps*, in the reign of *Edward* I. remained till conveyed by them to the *L'Estranges*; *Henry L'Estrange* of *Hunstanton*, Esq. died possessed of the manor of *Congham*, and *Massingham-Parva*, in 1483. *John L'Estrange*, his 3d son, died lord in 1517, and by the marriage of *Barbara*, his only daughter,[9] came to *Robert Mordaunt*, in which family it still remains; Sir *Charles Mordaunt*, Bart. being the present lord, as may be more fully seen in *Massingham-Parva*.

This I take to be the manor called corruptly at this day *Petegar's*, probably from *Beleter*, who was lord in *Henry* the Fourth's time.

There was also another lordship held by *Berner*, captain of the cross-bowmen, in the Conqueror's army, consisting of 60 acres of land, and 3 acres of meadow, held by a freeman and a borderer, and half a carucate held by 4 freemen, with 3 acres of meadow; the whole valued at 10*s. per ann.* these freemen he claimed by the gift of the Conqueror;[1] and the said *Berner* had lordships given him in *Grimston* and *Hillington*, in this hundred; in *Sharnburn*, in *Docking* hundred; in *Askell*, and *Scoulton* in *Weyland* hundred; in *Overstrand*, in *North Erpingham* hundred; in *Pikenham*, in *South Greenhow* hundred, and in *Hackford* in *Eynesford* hundred.

This was most probably held by *Pycot*, then by *Burdeliz*, and the lords of *Albon's* manor, (as may be seen in *Hillington*,) and probably was sold in *Henry* the Sixth's time, by the *Irminglands*, to the *L'Estranges*, it being now, as I take it, part of the estate of Sir *Charles Mordaunt*, Bart. in this town.

The tenths of this town, and *Roydon*, were 5*l.* 3*s.* 0*d.* Deduct 10*s.* 3*d. ob.*

In the 12th of *Henry* III. *Emme*, daughter of *Roger de Bintre*, and

[9] Barbara was his daughter, by Margaret, daughter and coheir of Sir Thomas L'Estrange, of Walton D'Eivile, in Warwickshire; see in Massingham-Parva.

[1] Terre Berneri Arb. (viz. Arbalistarii) In Concham, i lib. ho. lx ac. t're. e^{t} i bor. et iii ac. pti. tnc. dim. car. in eade iiii libi. ho'es. iii ac. pti. totu' val. x sol. istos om's lib'os ho'es revocat de dono Regis.

Robert her son, conveyed by fine to *Alana*, daughter of *Jeffrey de Rydon*, and *William*, son of *Humphrey*, of the same town, certain services and customs, and 40 acres in *Rydun* and *Congham*, for 10*s. per ann.*

By an inquisition taken at *East Derham, September* 24, in the 15th of King *Charles* I. it was found that *Robert Norris*, Gent. died *December* 8, in the 11th of that King, seized of a messuage, 125 acres and an half, in *Congham* and *Hillington*, six acres of which, viz. 3 in *Gall-fen* of *marsh*, and 3 of *Mill Close*, were held of the King, in *capite*, as of the honour of *Clare*, and the rest of the several lords in soccage.

Lands here in the tenure of *Thomas Canne*, belonging to *Blackburgh* priory, were granted *July* 17, in the 2d of Queeen *Mary*, to *John Grene*, and *William Genyns*.

The CHURCH of St. *Andrew* is a single pile covered with lead, and has a tower four-square, embattled, and 2 bells; on the northe side is a chapel covered with tile; on the north wall of it this inscription; *Paterno jussu Henri. et Johs. Spelman, milit. alam hanc pie instituit Rogs. Spelman, absolvit autem Carolus Spelm. hujus eccles. tandem rector, Ao. Dni.* 1686. The chancel is tiled; and within the rails of the communion table lie several marble gravestones;

H. S. E. Carolus Squire A. M. scholæ Lennensis p. annos novem præceptor celebris, ecclesiæ hujus et de Massingham Pa. rector dignissimus, sacerdos doctus, pius probus, vir varia et perpolita eruditione ornatus, historicis et humanioribus in literis maxime versatus, amicus plane simplex, comes jucundissimus, desideratissimus, obt. 20*Aug.* 1752, *ætat.* 56. *Marito optimo, uxor mœrens posuit.*

On one with a brass plate,

Hic requiescunt Henricus Spelman, armiger, et Francisca, uxor ejus, filia Gulielı. Saunder, armigi. qui habuerunt exitum inter eos clarissimum doctissimumq; virum Hen. Spelman, militem, Erasmum Sp. generosum, et Elizab. filiam; dictoq; Henrico filio nati fuerunt p. Elianoram Le Strange uxor ejus unam filiarum et coheredum Johan. Le Strange, armigeri, 4 filii & 4 filiæ, viz. Johs. Spelm. miles, qui duxit in uxorem Annam, filiam unicam Joh. Townsend, militis, Henr. et Francis. Spelman qui obierunt in vita patris sine exitu, et Clem. Spelm. qui duxit in uxorem Martham Mason, unam filiarum et cohered. Francisci Mason, armigi. et Dorothea nupta Rano. Whitfeld, militi, uni servientum Dni. Caroli Regis ad legem, Anna nupta Tho. More, armigero. Kath. nupta Robo. Raworth. armigero, et Alicia nupta Johai. Smith, generoso; dictus Henr. Spelm. avus obt. 7 *Oct.* 1581, *dicta Francisca ava,* 15 *Oct.* 1622.

Below this,

Here also lies the body of Roger Spelm. Esq; son and heir of the abovenamed Sir John Spel. knight, who married the daughter and heiress of Robert Strutt, of Lincoln's-Inn, Esq; and died Novr. 27, 1678. On the brass the arms of *Spelman,—sable*, platée, between two flaunches, *argent*, impaling, *sable*, a chevron, *ermine*, between three bulls heads, *argent*, *Sanders*.

One,

In memory of Charles Spelman, son of Roger Spelm. Esq. who died March 3. 1684; with the arms of *Spelman.*

Another,

For Barbara, relict of Henry Mordaunt Esq; who died Decr. 25, 1690.

On one with a brass plate,

Hic et hac pro tempore quiescunt reliquiæ Tho. Bendich Rici. de Essex, armigeri, et Rici. Barb. Edwi Thomæ liber, quorum ossibus et memoriæ Elizabetha Dudleyorum prosapia mœrens relicta P. E. obt. Junii 13 *Ao. Dni* 1632, *ætat. suæ* 33.

On the south side of the chancel, a gravestone with the arms of *Mordant,* impaling *L'Estrange,*

In memory of L'Strange Mordant, son of Henry Mordant, a grandson of Sir L'Strange Mordant of Norff. bt. by Barbara his wife, daughter of Richd. Catlyn, Esq; he had issue Henry and a daughter Barbara, and died Decr. 4, *in the* 63*d year of his age,* 1691, *here also lieth Barbara his relict, who died Apr.* 4. 1729. *aged* 86.

In the churchyard a monument,

In memory of Richd. son of Rd. Catlyn Esq; of Kirby Cane, in Norff. who died July 12, 1711, *born May* 8, 1686, *and was one of the society of Lincoln's Inn;* with the arms of *Catlyn.*

RECTORS.

1300, *Ralph de Sprouston,* presented by *Reginald de Sprouston.*
1305, *Reginald de Fakenham,* by *ditto.*
1329, *Alan de Wesenham,* by *Reginald de Baldeswelle.*
1343, *Peter de Felthorp,* by *ditto.*
1349, *Richard Kiffold,* by *Thomas de Baldeswell.*
1367, *Richard Thurkeld,* by *Adam Humphrey* of *Refham:*
1385, *Gregory Bolour,* by *ditto.*
1388, *Ralph Gosfeld,* (on an exchange for *North Rungton*) by *Adam Pyk.*
1400, *Ralph de Lenton,* by *Edward Belytter.*
1416, *Adam Rougham,* by *John Spicet,* burgess of *Lynn.*
1448, *Roger Ashton,* by *Thomas Daniel,* Esq.
1462, *Thomas Moot,* by the Bishop of *Norwich,* a lapse.
1472, *Robert Smith,* by *ditto,* a lapse.
1475, *John Cossey,* by *Henry Woodhouse,* Esq.
1479, *William Halysdale,* by Sir *Edward Wodehouse,* Knt.
1482, *Nicholas Palmer,* by *Henry Colet,* citizen of *London.*
1485, *John Askugh,* by *ditto.*
1487, *Henry Symson,* by Sir *Henry Colet,* Knt. In *September,* 1497, the Bishop of *Norwich* granted to the inhabitants of this parish, his letters patent, to gather the alms of the city and diocese of *Norwich,* to re-edify this church.
1504, *Thomas Cook,* by Sir *Thomas Wodehouse.*

1522, *Thomas Dale*, by Sir *Thomas Wodehouse*.
Thomas Sele.
1552, *Cuthbert Heymersham*, by *Humphrey Jordan*, Gent.
1580, *James Dewhurst*, by *Humphrey Bastard*.
1595, *Edmund Mundeford*, by *Henry Spilman*, Esq.
1619, *Townesend Wilson*, by *Henry Spilman*, Knt.
1638, *Townesend Wilson*, by Sir *John Spilman*, Knt.
1673, *Valentine Husband*, by *Roger Spilman* of *Holme*, Esq.
1684, *Charles Spilman*, by *Charles Spilman*; in this year, this church was consolidated with that of St. *Mary's*.
1706, *Richard Flack*, by *Samuel Flack*, Esq.
1715, *Charles Foster*, by *Dorothy Flack*, widow.
17—, *Charles Squier*, A. M. on *Foster's* death.
1752, *Edmund Nelson*, by Mrs. *Bridget Squier*, widow.
This rectory is valued at 6*l*. 10*s*. *per ann*. and is discharged.
The priory of *Castleacre* had a portion of tithe valued at 40*s*. *per ann*.
Here were the guilds of the *Holy Trinity*. and St. *John Baptist*.
Eborard Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed to the priory of *Castleacre* tithes granted to them.
John of *Oxford*, Bishop in 1181, confirmed to them 2 parts of the tithe of the demean of *Augustine*, in *Congham*; and *Simon*, Bishop in 1265, confirmed to them 2 parts of the tithes of the demeans of *Augustin*, and of *Jeffrey*, son of (*Ralph de Congham*) and all the tithe of the demean of *Richard de Wigenhale*, and of the nuns of *Blackburgh*; this portion was valued at 40*s*. *per ann*.

St. *Mary's* is a rectory, the old valor was 3*l*. 12*s*. *Peter*-pence, 6*d*. the present valor 6*l*. and is discharged.

RECTORS.

1329, *Edm. de Lena*, presented by the King, as guardian to *Jn. de Orreby*.
1349, *Hugh Atte Bryk de Hoggeston*, by Sir *John Orreby*, Knt.
John de Staunton, died; his will dated *November* 13, 1385.
1385, *Thomas Wrattyng*, by the King.
Thomas Pitscok, by *Ralph de Cromwell* Lord *Tateshale*.
1415, *John Cowton*, by the Lady *Maud Cromwell*.
1416, *John West*, by *ditto*.
1439, *Richard Peyntour*, by *Ralph* Lord *Cromwell*.
1463, *Stephen Rydeswell*, by the Bishop of *Norwich*, a lapse.
1468, *Richard Hayton*. *Ditto*.
1472, *Richard Burgeys*. *Ditto*.
Richard Cranwath.
1487, *Richard Ketylston*, by Sir *Robert Ratclyff*.
1492, *Thomas Rust*. *Ditto*.
1517, *John Furnes*, by *Thomas Wyndham*, and *Robt. Drury*.
William Swann.
1552, *John Smith*, by the assignees of Sir *Edmund Wyndham*.
1554, *Cuthbert Heymersham*, by Sir *Edmund Wyndham*.
1580, *James Dewhurst*, by *John Lestrange*, Gent.

1598, *Edmund Cartwright*, by the Queen.
1602, *John Williamson*, by *Henry Spilman*, Esq.
1603, *Edward Mundeford*, by *ditto*.
16--, *Jeremy Spilman*.
1643, *Thomas Wilson*, by the King.
1673, *Valent. Husband*, by *Roger Spilman*.
1684, *Charles Spilman*, by *Charles Spilman*.
1706, *Richard Flack*.
1715, *Charles Foster*, by *Dorothy Flack*, widow.
1723, *Benjamin Squire*, by *Dorothy Foster*, widow.
17--, *Charles Squire*.
1752, *Edmund Nelson*, by *Bridget Squire*, widow.
In this church was St. *Ann's* guild.

This rectory was consolidated to *Congham* St. *Andrew*, in 1684; the church is dilapidated, the rector receives all the tithes of the three *Conghams*, and pays 20*l. per ann.* to the impropriator of *All-Saints*.

CONGHAM ALL-SAINTS

This church was given by *Adam*, son of *Alverede*, or *Alured*, to the priory of *Wymondham*, and confirmed by *William* Earl of *Sussex*, appropriated and annexed to the chamberlain's office in that house, being valued at 7 marks, 3*s.* 4*d.*; *Peter*-pence 6*d.* and *William de Albini* Earl of *Sussex* gave the tithe of two parts of his demeans in *Congham* and *Rising* to the said priory.[1]

The prior of *Castleacre* let to farm two parts of the demean of the Earl *Warren*, in this town, to the priory of *Wimondham* at 10*s. per ann.*

Roger, son of *Wimer*, sewer of the Earl *Warren*, confirmed the grant of his father of the tithe of his lands here, and his right and interest in the church.

Richard Aguillon and *Ela* his wife confirmed to the priory of *Castleacre*, *John*, son of *Ailward Mite*, with his tenement and all that belonged to him in *Congham* and *Ridune*, paying to them 6*s. per ann.* witnesses, *Robert Aguillon*, *Manasser Aguillon*, *Daniel de Merlei*, *William Aguillon*, *Richard*, his brother, *William de Cateston*, *Robert de Stratton*, *William Wachesham*, *William de Pinkeni*, *Richard de Neketun*, *William de Waleis*, &c.[2]

Ela de Fervile, wife of *Richard Aguillon*, had these witnesses to her confirmation, *William de Warren*, *Reginald de St. Martyn*, *Michael de Munteni*, *Walter de Wanci*, *God. de Grimeston*, &c.

Robert, son of *John de Binetre*, confirmed to them the homage of *Alan*, son of *Jeffrey de Ridune*, his tenement, &c. in *Congham* and *Ridun*; witnesses, Sir *Peter de Pelevile* and *Peter* his son, *Reginald*, son of *Edmund de Geyton*, *Ingel. de Ridune*, &c.

In 1428, their temporalities were valued at 1*l.* 16*s.* 0*d. per ann.*

The prior of *Pentney's* temporalities were valued at 1*s.* 6*d.* and of *Wirmegay* here at 2*s.*

Coxford priory had lands also, granted by Queen *Elizabeth*, *January* 10, 1586, to *Edward Cleere*, Knt. of *Blickling*, who on the 25th

[1] Regist. Wymond. fol. 30, 66. [2] Regist. Castleacre, fol. 32.

of the said month and year, conveyed them to *Robert Bozoun* of *Birston, viz.* 100 acres, abutting on *Massingham* heath, paying to Sir *Edward* and his heirs, 23*s.* 4*d. per ann.* and doing suit to his court at *Blickling*.

DERSINGHAM.

PART of this township was held in the reign of the Confessor, by an anonymous freeman, but at the survey, was in the tenure of *Peter de Valoins*, containing 2 carucates in demean held by 7 viliains and 4 borderers formerly, but then by two, with 7 acres and an half of meadow, and one carucate held by the tenants, with a salt work, &c.[3]

Another part or manor was held by *Anant*, a freeman, in King *Edward's* time, but by *Peter* aforesaid, at the survey, to this belonged 2 carucates in demean, 30 villains, 6 borderers, with 7 servi, a carucate and an half, and 18 acres of meadow, a mill, fishery, and a salt-work, &c. with 146 sheep.[4]

The said *Peter* had also seized on 12 acres belonging to a freeman, valued at 12*d.* but his predecessor had the protection only of this man, and *Stigand* had the soc.[5]

In the same town also he had seized on the lands which 21 freemen held in King *Edward's* time, *viz.* 2 carucates of land, and 35 acres, and 5 borderers with 3 carucates, and 7 acres of meadow belonging to it; the whole valued at 40*s.*; of all these his predecessor had only the protection, and 18 of these freemen might leave it, if they thought proper, each giving 2*s.* and *Stigand* had the soc of all these.[6]

Also two freemen had here two carucates, and there had been two in demean, then but one; one of these freemen had under him six freemen and five borderers, and the other 4 borderers, and there was

[3] Terre Petri Valoniensis. —— Dersingham, ten. T.R.E. i lib. ho. p' man. sep. ii car. in dnio. vii villi. et iiii bor. tc. et p'. iiii sed m°. ii et vii ac. et dim. pti. et i car. houm. et i sal. tc. v. r. m°. i tc. iii an. et xviii por. et ccc ov. m°. nichil.

[4] In ead. ten. Anant lib. ho. ii car. terre in dnio. p' man. sep. i car. et dim. et xxx villi. et vi bor. et vii ser. et xviii ac. pti. et i mol. et i sal. et i pisc. tc. vi r. m°. v tc. iiii an. et m° tc' xl por. m°. xxi tc. lx ov. m°. de cxlvi.

[5] Invasio Petri Valoniensis ——— In Dersingham, i lib. ho. xii ac. val. xii*d.* de hoc hab. suus antec. comdatione tantu' Stigand. soca.

[6] In ead. ten. xxi lib. hoes. ii car. tre. et xxxv ac. v bor. sep. iii car. vii ac. pti. tot. val. xl sol de h. om'ib; hab. suus autec. comd. tant. et hor. xviii si vellent receed. daret qsq; ii sol. Stigand. de om'ib; soca.—— In ead. ii lib. hoes ii car. tre. tc. et p. ii. car. in dnio. m°. i un. ex h. hab. vi lib'os ho'es. et v bor. et alius iiii bor. sep. i car. hom. xi ac. et dim. p'ti. tc. et p' val. xl. sol. m°. xxv.—— Tot. val. (cum Appletuna beruita) xv lib. sed tm. redd. xvii lib. et xiii sol. tot. ht. i leug. et longo. et dim. in lat. et redd. xvi*d.* de xx de gelto.

amongst the tenants one carucate, eleven acres and an half of meadow, valued formerly at 40*s.* then at 25*s. per ann.*

All *Dersingham*, with *Appleton*, its beruite, was valued at 15*l.* but paid 17*l.* 13*s. per ann.* and was one leuca long, half a leuca broad; and paid 16*d.* of a 20*s.* gelt.

The town takes its name from *Der*, or *Dur*, a *British* word, signifying water, as *Derby*, *Derham*, *Durham*, &c. and the *Saxon* words *Ing*, a meadow, and *Ham*, a dwelling, all which answer to its site.

PAKENHAM MANOR.

PETER DE VALOINS (to whom the Conqueror granted these lordships) was a great baron of the realm; besides the lordships that he held in this county, at the survey, he held also 12 lordships in *Essex*, one in *Cambridgeshire*, and one in *Lincolnshire*, 17 in *Hertfordshire*, and six in *Suffolk*, the head of his honour, or barony, being at *Orford*:[7] he married *Albreda*, sister to *Eudo de Brie*, dapifer to King *Henry* I. and founded at his manor of *Binham* in *Norfolk* a priory, as a cell to St. *Alban's* in *Hertfordshire*, and gave two parts of his tithes here, with lands thereto. *Roger de Valoines* was his son and heir, and about this time, *William de Rudham* appears to have held it of this family. *Roger* had by *Agnes* his wife, *Peter*, *Robert*, *Geffrey*, *John*, &c. *Peter* the eldest, married *Gundreda de Warren*, (probably of the family of the Earls *Warren* and *Surrey*) but dying without issue was succeeded by *Robert* his brother, who in the 12th of *Henry* II. certified his knights fees to be thirty, and a third part of one *de veteri feoffamento*, and four *de novo*; and by deed *sans date*, gave to the priory of *Binham*, the rectory of *Dersingham*, with 80 acres of land, for the soul of *Agnes* his mother, with the tithe of all his manor here, the moiety of St. *Peter's* church in *Walsingham Magna*, the chantry and land which *Humphrey* held of him there, the fee of *Gunthorp*, his land in *Well*, which *Robert Godchild* held.[8] By *Helewisia* his wife he left a daughand heir, *Gunnora*, and died in the 30th of *Henry* II.

Gundreda de Warren, for the soul of her lord, *Peter de Valoins* aforesaid, released all her right in this church, by deed *sans date*; witnesses, *Giles Hosatto*, *Roscline Hosatto*, *William de Toftes*, *William de Langham*, *Alexander de Walpole*, &c.

Dugdale says[9] that *Gunnora*, daughter and heir of *Robert de Valoins*, married *Robert Fitz Walter*, a great baron, (in King *John's* time,) and that in the 9th of King *John*, she had livery of lands that descended to her, as heir to her uncle, *Geffrey*; it is probable her first husband was *Durandus de Stiel*, or *Sastely*, the King's chamberlain; he and *Gunnora* his wife, by deed *sans date*, confirming the abovementioned grant of *Robert*, of this church, &c. to the priory of *Binham*;—witnesses, *Richard Aguillon*, *Roger Furneaux*, &c.

It appears that *Peter de Valoins* was dead in the 12th of *Henry* II. and *Gundreda*, his widow, was at the King's disposal in marriage, holding lands *in capite* to the value of 30*l. per ann.* *Robert* his brother then inherited the estate, and certified the following persons to

[7] See in Appleton.
[8] Regist. Binham, in Bibl. Cotton.
[9] Vol. i. p. 441, Baronage of Engl.

his estate in King *Henry* the First's time of certain fees belonging to the barony of *Valoins, viz. Richard de Calne,* of six knights' fees and an half, *Agnes de Monte Fincernon* of five fees, *Ralph de Dalling* of two, *Philip de Snaring* of three parts of a fee, and *Geffrey de Snaring* of half a fee.

It further appears that *Christiana,* daughter of the Lord *Fitz Walter,* and the Lady *Gunnora* his wife abovementioned, had a considerable interest in this town; she married first *William de Magnaville* Earl of *Essex,* and surviving him, married *Reymond de Burgo,* and answered for 14 fees in the reign of *Henry* III. and *Geffrey de Snaring,* was found to hold the fourth part of a fee of her father, *Robert Fitz Walter,* of the honour of *Valoins,* which *Robert* died in the 19th of the aforesaid King *Henry* III.; and in the 37th of that King, *Isabella de Valoins,* wife of *David Comin,* who was one of the coheirs of *Christiana* aforesaid, died seized of the 8th part of a fee in this town, and *William Comyn* was found to be her son and heir, then under age, and enjoyed it in the 3d of *Edward* I. It may be here observed that ladies in their widowhood, often retained the names of their fathers, as *Gundreda de Warren, Isabella de Valoins,* above.

In the 53d of *Henry* III. *William Comyn* granted to *John de Pakenham* by fine 4*l. per ann.* rent in this town, *Babbingle,* and *Wulfreton,* all that *William* had in homages, services, &c. of freemen and villains, wards, reliefs, escheats, &c. in those towns, saving only to himself the homages and services of all his tenants living out of the said towns, and that he and his heirs might hold their court for the said foreign tenants in the place where they before did, and saving a pinfold to impound those foreign tenants' cattle in the same place where the old pinfold used to be.

John de Valoins succeeded his brother *Robert* in this barony, as heir male, and by *Isabella* his wife, daughter of Sir *Robert de Creke,* of *North Creke,* in *Norfolk,* had *Robert* his son and heir, who by *Roesia,* one of the sisters and coheirs of Sir *William le Blund,* (who was slain in the battle of *Lewes* in 48th of *Henry* III.) left *Robert de Valoins* his son, who took to wife *Eve de Criketot,* and was lord of *Ixworth* in *Suffolk,* as heir to *Blund,* and had issue two daughters and heirs; *Roese,* married to Sir *Edmund de Pakenham,* and *Cecily* to *Robert de Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk:* this lord *Valoins* died about the 20th of *Edward* I. and bore *argent,* three pallets, undée *gules,* or (as some) - - - paly of six, *or* and *gules.*

In the 25th of *Edward* III. the lady *Rohesia,* then widow of Sir *Edmund Pakenham,* settled by fine on *Hervey de Pakenham,* her son, rector of *Berdwell* in *Suffolk,* the moiety of the manor of *Ixworth,* for life, remainder to the prior of *Ixworth,* except one penny rent, and the moiety of the advowson of that priory; and *Edmund de Pakenham,* her eldest son, was found in the said year, to hold at his death, in right, and by the inheritance of *Mary* his wife, daughter and coheir of *Edmund Comyn,*[a] the manor of *Pakenham Aspes* in *Suffolk,* and that of this town, *Belough,* &c. in *Norfolk,* and *Thomas* was his son and heir, aged 22; and the said *Thomas,* on *October* 10, in the 27th of the said King, paid homage

[a] Euphemia, his other daughter and coheir, married William de la Bethe, and left Elizabeth, married to Sir Roger Kimrugg.

for all the lands belonging to his grandmother *Roese*, then deceased.

But in the 39th of the aforesaid King, part of this manor of *Pakenham's* was conveyed by Master *William Burcote*, *Henry de Berney*, *John Hockham*, and *William Wilby*, trustees of it, to the prior of *Bynham*;[3] Sir *Adam de Clifton*, lord of *Frebridge* hundred, and of part of this town, consenting thereto, saving to himself and heirs the rent and service of the whole lete belonging to the hundred, and suit of court to his manor, for lands held thereof;—witnesses Sir *Richard Walkfare*, *Sir William de Cayley*, *William Sharnbourn*, *Symon Barret*, &c. this lordship then including, as I take it, that of *Robert Ufford's* also.

It appears that the whole of this lordship was not conveyed to the said priory.

In the 4th year of *Henry* IV. a fine was levied between *Thomas Neve*, parson of *Ereswell*, and Sir *William Berdewell*, Knt. and *Margaret* his wife (who was daughter and heir of *Theobald*, or *John de Valoins* and *Agnes* his wife) of *Pakenham-hall*, and 60 acres of land in *Babingley*, called the *Ker*, conveyed to *Neve*, from *Margaret* and her heirs.

In the 3d of *Henry* VII. Sir *John Windham* granted by fine the manor of *Pakenham-hall* to *John Fox* and *Catherine* his wife, for the use of *John Fox* his son; and *William Rogers* had an interest herein, and held it *in capite*, in the 1st of Queen *Mary*, and gave it (as is said) by his last will to the poor of *Norwich*; and before this in 1425, *John Church* of *Bassingbourn*, Esq. and *Joan* his wife, confirmed to *Henry Walpole* of *Houghton*, and *William Yelverton*, Gent. the manor of *Pakenham* in *Dersingham*, which came to them by the death of *William Adderton*, Esq. her father, and *Joan* his wife.[4]

Afterwards it came to the *Cobbs* of *Sandringham*, who were lords in the 7th of *Elizabeth*, and to the *Hosts*, as may be there seen, and *Theodore Host*, Esq. second son of *James Host*, Esq. of *Sandringham*, is the present lord, and also of *Snaring-hall* herein mentioned, and has the lete of the town.

BINHAM PRIORY MANOR.

Peter de Valoins, on his foundation of that priory, when he gave lands and two parts of his tithe to it, gave rise to this lordship, to which gift *Hugh de Dersingham* and *Piccotus* his brother were witnesses.

Christiana de Mandeville, Countess of *Essex*, for the souls health of *William de Mandeville* Earl of *Essex*, and of *Reymund de Burgo*, her late husband, gave 40*s.* rent *per ann.* in land and heath, with certain homages, &c.;[5] and she demised to perpetual farm, a capital messuage, with 60 acres of land here, to the priory; the prior agreeing to pay 17 marks *per ann.* to the chaplains of St. *Nicholas*, in the court of *Sheering* (in *Essex*) where she then lived. *Edward* I. granted license to alien the lands to that chapel which *Alexander de Baliol*, son of *Henry*, had granted to *Christiana Valoins*, his aunt, after the

[3] Regist. Binham, p. 144.
[4] *Alias* Attenham.
[5] Reg. Binh. fol. 8o.

death of the Lady *Lora*, his mother, and *Guy* his brother, in exchange for lands in *Heyham* and *Walthamstow*, in *Essex*; *Alexander's* deed is dated at *Ware*, *A°.* 56 of *Henry* III. and *Dugdale* observes that this lord was one of the coheirs to *Christiana* aforesaid, who died about the 22d of *Henry* III.[6]

William, son of *William de Derham*, gave a marsh called *Chesholm*, and *Thomas Lording* of *Dersingham*, lands; *Isabella de Derham* held the 3d part of a fee of *Valoins*, in *Henry* the Third's time.

Richard de Secford, prior of *Binham*, and the convent, exchanged lands here with Sir *Thomas de Gelham*, lying near the chapel of St. *Andrew* in *Dersingham*; in the deed is an account of 86 acres, &c. of land, 108 of pasture, 8 acres, &c. of meadow, demean lands belonging to the prior, with rents and customs, by deed *sans date*; and in the 39th of *Edward* III. a considerable part of the manor of *Pakenham*, as has been observed, was conveyed to it.

The temporalities of this priory in this town were valued in 1428, at 4*l.* 13*s.* 8*d.*; at the Dissolution, King *Henry* VIII. granted it in his 33d year, to Sir *Thomas Paston*, who had license to alienate it in his 36th year to *John Rookwood*, and his heirs; but in the following year, Sir *Thomas Paston*, and *Agnes* his wife, *Richard Heydon*, Esq. and *Nicholas Rokewood*, Gent. conveyed by fine, this manor, with 400 acres of land, 60 of meadow, 200 of pasture, 6 of wood, 200 of marsh, with liberty of a fold in *Dersingham*, and *Ingle-thorp*, with 100*s.* rent *per ann.* and the advowson of the vicarage, to *Robert Read*, Gent. who dying *February* 27, *ao.* 1 *Mary*, *Thomas Read* his son succeeded, who had license, 17th of *Elizabeth*, to alienate a messuage, 180 acres of land, with a foldage called *Eastling Course*, to *Christopher Walpole*, and the manor to *Jeffrey Cobb*, Esq. and so came to *Host*, as above,

GELHAM-HALL.

So called from a family who held lands of the capital lords, the *Valoins*, and in ancient deeds are found witnesses to several of their donations. Sir *Thomas de Gelham* of this town had license to build a free chapel in *Dersingham* churchyard, in *May*, 1264, and to appoint a master or chaplain, from *Adam de Mota*, then prior of *Binham*; witnesses, Sir *William Rustein*, Sir *Hubert Hacon*, Sir *John de Babingley*, *Geffrey de Say*, *Andrew de Sharnburne*, &c. *John de Gelham* had a *quietus* in the 56th of *Henry* III. for two years, when he was to take the order of knighthood, and one of the same name was lord in the 9th of *Edward* II. *William de Gelham* seems to be the last of that family, and died in the reign of *Edward* III. when it was divided amongst his daughters and coheirs.

In the 27th of the said King, a fine was levied between Sir *Richard Walkfar*, Knt. and *John de Reps* and *Elizabeth*, who conveyed to *Richard* a third part of this manor, and *Richard de Brews* and *Katherine* his wife, a moiety of a moiety of the third part, and *Ralph de Poley* and *Margaret* his wife, another moiety; and in the 31st of that King, *Arnold*, son of *Arnold de Mounteney*, had conveyed to him by fine, from *William de Newton*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, the 6th part

[6] Bar. vol. i. p. 524.

of the manor of *Gelham*, which *Katherine*, widow of *William de Gelham*, held in dower; and *Robert Fromond*, and *Margaret* his wife, conveyed in the 46th year of *Edward* III. to *William de Rudham*, parson of *Ingaldesthorp*, the sixth part, being her inheritance; he was trustee and executor afterwards to Sir *Thomas Felton*, and bought it for his use.

Sir *Richard Walkfare*, sometime before his death, gave his right herein to certain feoffees, and on his death it came to Sir *Thomas Felton*, and the Lady *Joan* his wife; Sir *Thomas* died possessed of it, about the 5th of *Richard* II. then Knight of the garter, and left 3 daughters and coheirs; *Mary*, first wife of Sir *Edmund Hengrave*; *Sibilla*, wife of ——— *de Morley*; and *Alianore*,[7] wife of Sir *John L'Estrange*, of *Hunstanton*, which Sir *John L'Estrange*, and his lady, conveyed to *Joan* her mother, this manor with those of *Riborough Magna* and *Parva*, in the 8th of that King by fine. Soon after this, the lady *Catherine Brews*, a nun, daughter and heir of Sir *Thomas de Norwich*, had an interest in it.

In 1414, *John*, son Sir *John Curzon* of *Belagh*, released all his right in it to *John Clifton*, *Thomas Lopham*, with the manors of *Wilby*, &c. and *Barrow* in *Suffolk*; but Sir *John Curson*, by his will, dated *January* 10th, 1471,[8] gives it to *Thomas* his son and heir, and *Thomas Curson*, Esq. by his will, dated *November* 20, 1511, gives it to *John* his son, with the advowson of the chapel of St. *Mary*; and *William* his son and heir had livery of it on his father's death, in the 38th of *Henry* VIII.

After this, it came to the *Cobbs* of *Sandringham*, and *William*, son and heir of *Jeffrey Cobb*, held it in the 21st of *Charles* I. and so to the *Hosts* as in *Sandringham*; and *Theodore Host*, Esq. is lord, brother to the late *James Host*, Esq. as his heir male.

SHOULDHAM PRIORY MANOR.

Christiana Countess of *Mandeville* gave also considerable lands and possessions in this town, to this priory, which was taxed at 3*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* in 1428, for their temporalities herein.

At the Dissolution it was granted, *May* 5, in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. to *John Dethick*, Esq. who in the 38th had license to alien it to *John Pell* and his heirs; and by an inquisition taken at *Lynne*, *October* 8, in the 2d and 3d of *Philip* and *Mary*, on the death of *John Pell*, Gent. of *Dersingham*, who died *April* 4, in the said year, he was found to die seized of it, held by the 20th part of a fee, and that of *Brookhall* held of the hundred of *Freebridge*, by fealty, and 12*d.* rent *per ann.* with 6 messuages, 320 acres of land, 120 of meadow, 40 of pasture, 50 of furze and heath, in *Dersingham*, *Shernburne*, and *Inglethorp*, held of the manor of *Pakenham-Hall*, by 3*d.* rent and fealty; and *John* was his son and heir by *Margaret* his wife. The aforesaid *John Pell*, Gent. by his will, dated *September* 16, 1554, requires to be buried in the church of *Dersingham*. *John*, his son and heir, married *Margaret*, daughter and heir of *William Overend*, Esq. and dying

[7] Alianore is here said to be Felton's daughter; but in the pedigree of L'Estrange, she is said to be daughter of Sir Richard Walkfar, and his coheir; and Joan Lady Felton was Alianore's sister.

[8] Regist Betyns Norw. p. 107. Reg. Johnson Norw.

in 1607, left *William Pell*, Esq.[9] his eldest son, who married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *William Drury* of *Fincham*, Esq.; his first wife was *Elizabeth*, daughter of —— *Richers* of *Swanington*. *Geffrey Pell*, his brother, married *Cath.* daughter of *Ed. Read* of *East Rudham*; there was also, as I take it, another brother, *Valentine*, an attorney at *Lynn*, who died in 1623.—*Jeffrey Pell* died in 1615, and left issue *John Pell*, Esq. who married *Ursula*, daughter of —— *Gawsell* of *Watlington*, Esq. by whom (as some say) he had Sir *Valentine Pell*, &c.; others make *Valentine* to be son of *Jeffrey*, who dying in 1658, left by *Barbara* his wife, daughter of Sir *James Calthorp*, *John Pell*, his son and heir, who married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *William Pert* of *Mountneys*, in *Essex*, who died without issue; and Captain *William Pell*, who married *Anne*, daughter of *John Drury* of *Holt House* in *Leziate*, by *Lynn*, by whom he had *John Pell*, Esq. who married *Anne*, daughter of *Tho. Wood* of *Braconashe*, in *Norfolk*, who died 1686, without issue, and *Valentine Pell*, Esq. who married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Isaac Lane* of *Walsingham*, and on his death, *sans* issue, gave this lordship by will, to *Robert Walpole*, Esq. father of Sir *Robert Walpole*, Knight of the Garter, and Earl of *Orford*, whose grandson, the present Earl of *Orford*, is lord of it.

—— *Pell* of *Dimbleby* in *Lincolnshire*, had a grant in 1594, from *Richard Lee*, *Clarencieux*, of these arms; *ermin*, on a canton *azure*, a pellican, *or*;—crest, a pellican standing on a garland, *vert*, full of roses, *or*.

There also appears to have been a little lordship called *Snaringhall*, held of *Vuloins*, in the reign of *Henry* II. by *Jeffrey de Snaring*; and *Philip*, one of the family, in the reign of *Henry* III. held lands here by the fourth part of a fee, and *Jeffrey de Snaring* held it in the 33d of *Edward* I. now in *Theodore Host*, Esq.

WEST HALL MANOR.

It appears from the *Domesday* book of the Conqueror, that *Eudo*, son of *Spiruwin*, ancestor of the Lords *Tateshall*, lords of this manor, held by *Schett*, a freeman, before the conquest, and *Rinold* held it under *Eudo*: it consisted of one carucate in demean, and one amongst the freemen, one villain, 4 borderers, one servus, 7 acres and an half of meadow, and a saltwork; four freemen held also 44 acres, whom he took in to make up his manor, and there was also a freeman with 20 acres and half a carucate, and 4 borderers, the whole valued at 20*s. per ann.*[1]

The ancient family of the *Dersinghams*, who lived here, probably held lands of this lordship; *Godwine de Dersingham* lived in King *Henry* the Second's reign, and owed that King a mark for the freight of certain ships; *Roger* and *Maurice de Dersingham*, had lands here

[9] William Pell, Esq. married first Elizabeth, daughter of Richers; his 2d, Elizabeth, daughter of Drury, and died s. p.

[1] Terr. Eudonis de Spiruwin—— Dersingham ten.. Rinold. quam ten. Schett lib. ho. T. R. E. p. man. sep. i car. in d'nio. et i car. ho'um sep. i vills. et iiii bor. et i ser. et vii ac. et dim. p'ti. tc. i sal. et iiii libi. ho'es. xliii ac. Hos rec. p. p'ficiend. suo manero et i libm. ho'em de xx sep. dim. car. et iiii bor. totu' val. xx sol.

in *Edward* the First's time; and *Richard de Dersingham* in the 6th of *Edward* II. as appears by a fine.

Sir *Robert de Tateshale* was found in the 31st of *Edward* I. to have held in *capite*, one fee, which the prior of *Binham* held of him; and in the 33d of the said King, ——— *Pakenham* held the 3d part of a fee of the heirs of Sir *Robert*.

Of Sir *John de Pakenham*, who was steward to the Bishop of *Ely*, there is a remarkable account, That coming in the Exchequer court where the King (*Henry* III.) himself was setting, in the 39th of that King, he claimed a monstrous fish taken on the land of one of the Bishop's wards, whose ancestors claimed wreck at sea; the King himself made answer, and ordered him to produce the charter by which he claimed, which being done, it was then asked if the fish was taken on the land or in the sea, and it was answered in the sea, not far from the land, and taken alive, six boats being overturned in the sea before he could be caught; then the King replied, that since it was acknowledged that the fish was taken alive in the sea, it could not be wreck, and he would further consider of it;[2] and the cause was adjourned to the parliament.

I mention this, as it contains some things worthy of our observation. First, that the King himself sate in the Exchequer at this time, asked questions, gave answers and judgment; secondly, that no person could claim wreck but by charter; and thirdly, that the cause was adjourned to the parliament: quere may be made, if this word parliament occurs in any record before this time.

In records before this, and till the reign of *Edward* I. the word was *Concilium, et Magnum Concilium*; but *Matt. Paris* says this King called *Parliamentum generalissimum, ao.* 90. p. 696.

In the reign of *Edward* I. Sir *Edmund Pakenham*, and the prior of *Binham*, held the fourth part of a fee of the *Tateshales*; *Robert* Lord *Tateshale* dying a minor in 1303, his inheritance was divided amongst his father's sisters, *Emma*, married to Sir *Osbert de Caley*, *Joan* to *John de Driby*, and *Isabel* to Sir *John de Orreby*; and in the reign of *Edward* III. the *Pakenhams*, and the prior of *Binham*, held the same; and *William de Gelham* held also a part of this lordship, as his ancestors.

In the 37th of *Henry* VIII. it was held by Sir *Thomas Paston*, after by the *Cobbs*, and *Host*. —— *Theodore Host* is lord as abov e

Hugh de Dersingham is said to have 2 sons, Sir *Roger de Dersingham*, and *Picot*; Sir *Roger* had a son, Sir *Robert de Dersingham*, and a daughter *Etheldreda*, married to Sir *Fulk de Sharnborn*.

BROOK-HALL, or OLD-HALL.

The family of *Brokedish* were anciently lords of this, under the *Tateshalls*; *Thomas de Brokedish* possessed it in the beginning of King *Henry* the Third's reign; and in the 31st of that King, *Rich. le Butler* had the custody of lands here, belonging to *Stephen de Brokedish*.

Isabella de Oldhall held, in the 31st of *Edward* I. half a fee of the

[2] Com. P'lita Hillar. 39. Hen. III. R. 9.

Tateshalls, and *Richard de Oldhall* of the *Cliftons*, in *Henry* the Fourth's time.

Walter Gorges, who died in the 6th of *Edward* IV. had a part of it;[3] Sir *William Oldhall* forfeited his right, being attainted of high treason, and it was granted afterwards to Sir *William Capel*, lord mayor of *London*, and ancestor to the Earl of *Essex*, who died seized of it *November* 8, *ao.* 7 *Henry* VIII. and Sir *Giles Capel* was his son and heir; he conveyed it, in the 32d of the said King, to *John Pell*, Gent. by fine, in which family it continued as in *Shouldham* priory manor, till left to the *Walpoles*, the Earl of *Orford* being the present lord.

The town paid formerly 7*l.* 7*s.* 0*d.* the tenths. The temporalities of *Lewis* priory in 1428, 12*d. per ann.*

The CHURCH of *Dersingham* was dedicated to St. *Nicholas*, at first a rectory, in the gift of the Lord *Peter de Valoins*, who gave 2 parts of the tithes of his fee here; and *Roger de Valoins*, son of *Roger*, gave the tithe of all his fee, to the priory of *Bynham*, by deed, *sans* date, together with this rectory, and 80 acres of land, &c. for the soul of his mother *Agnes*, which was confirmed by Pope *Clement* III. and *Urban* III. by their several bulls.[4] In 1229, there was an agreement made between *John de Blundevile*, Bishop of *Norwich*, and the prior, on the settling of the vicarage; that the vicar should have 7 marks *per ann.* to be presented by the prior and instituted by the Bishop; and the prior cited in 1232, before the official of *Norwich*, the master and brethren of the order of *Sempringham*, for the tithe of the pasture of the Countess of *Mandevile*, which was witheld since the master had obtained it, and it was ordered that the master should pay the prior a sum of money for the purchase thereof. This rectory was formerly valued in the King's Books at 38 marks *per ann.* and the vicarage at 6 marks, *Peter*-pence 20*d.* in it was the guild of the Trinity, and the image of St. *John Baptist*.

On the dissolution of the priory, it was granted to the see of *Norwich*, where it remains at this time. It was farmed by *Thomas Reve*, in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, at 16*l. per ann.* of Bishop *Hopton*.

The advowson of the vicarage was granted, *November* 16, in the 33d of *Henry* VIII. to Sir *Thomas Paston*, who in the 37th of the said King, had license to alienate it to *Robert Read*, Gent. and *Thomas Reed* conveyed it to *Jeffrey Cobb*, in the 17th of *Elizabeth*, after to the *Hosts*, and *Theodore Host*, Esq. is the present patron.

VICARS.

1306, Mr. *Richard de Eggefeld*, presented to the vicarage, by the prior, &c. of *Bynham*.

1329, *Maynard de Abyndon*. *Ditto*.

1344, *Richard de Wiclewood, ditto;* he was rector of *Hanwell* in *Middlesex*.

[3] Walter Georges, Esq. had it by the marriage of Mary, daughter and heir of Sir William Oldhall.—See in Fransham Magna.

[4] Regist. Bynham.

1349, *Hugh Smith.*
William de Aldby.
1356, *Thomas de Keteringham*, an exchange for *Gerneston*, presented by the prior, &c.
1361, *Thomas Smith. Ditto.*
1380, *William Zwed. Ditto.*
1405, *William Baxtere, ditto*; an exchange for a mediety of *Ringsted Parva.*
1410, *John Buxton, ditto*; an exchange for *South Wotton.*
1419, *John Cory, ditto*; an exchange for *Aylmerton.*
1421, *Alan Smith, ditto*; an exchange for *Oxnede.*
1422, *Thomas Feltham. Ditto.*
1434, *John Geyton. Ditto.*
1444, *Thomas Ingman. Ditto.*
1476, *Nicholas Yakesley. Ditto.*
1517, *Nicholas Edmunds. Ditto.*
1522, *Adam Elwood. Ditto.*
Thomas Ade. Ditto.
1523, *Thomas Seman. Ditto.*
Thomas Longbodam.
1554, *Thomas Rogerson*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1565, *Thomas Harnes*, by *Thomas Rede*, Gent.
1570, *Edmund Bircham. Ditto.*
1595, *Henry Mayster*, by *William Cobb* of *Sandringham*, Esq.
1608, *Nicholas Noke*, by Lady *Mary Cobb*, widow.
1638, *James Rowse*, by the Bishop, a lapse.
1639, *Henry Scrimger. Ditto.*
1660, *William Houghton*, by *William Cobb*, Esq.
1700, *Stepen Beaumont*, by *Elizabeth Host*, widow.
1705, *Thomas Gill*, by *James Hoste*, Esq.
1729, Reverend *Samuel Kerrish*, the present vicar, D. D. 1761. *Ditto.*

Thomas Zarley, clerk, gave, about 1495, his messuage and lands, for the use of this village, on condition that the community of it shall order his *exequiæ* to be kept twice or thrice in a year for ever.[3]

Doctor *Reynolds* Bishop of *Norwich* settled 20*l. per ann.* out of this impropriated rectory for ever, on the vicar.

The church is dedicated to St. *Nicholas*, and is a very large pile of flint, boulder, &c. as most of the churches in *Norfolk* are, with a large chancel; the nave and two isles covered with lead, and the chancel with tile. At the west end of the nave is a strong four square tower with 5 bells, on that a lantern, with a bell, and a little shaft covered with lead.

On the south side of the chancel is a mural monument, with the arms of *Pell*, in a lonzenge, *ermin*, on a canton *azure*, a pelican vulning itself, *or*, impaling per pale, *azure* and *gules*, three saltires, *argent*, *Lane.*

Beneath in a vault rest the remains of Mrs. Elizabeth Pell, lady of Booter's-hall manour, at Cranworth, in this county, widow, and relict of Valentine Pell, Esq; grandson of Sir Valentine Pell, Kt. the only daughter and heiress of Isaac Lane, late of Walsingham, Gent: a lady

[3] Reg. Multon, Norw. fol. 71.

worthy of imitation, adorned with all the ornaments of vertue, her person and excellent qualifications rendered her greatly esteemed by all that had the happiness of her acquaintance. Her great charity in her life and at her death will cause her name to be had in everlasting remembrance, she departed this life worthily lamented, the 22d of May, in the year of our Lord 1732, *to whose pious and lasting memory, Mrs. Margaret Hodgson, her dearly beloved friend and executrix, dedicated this monument. She gave* 100*l. to this parish, which is laid out for land in the parish, and given to the poor in bread and coals, and the same sum to South Creake, where her father had gave the like sum.*

Another mural monument with the arms of *Hodgson*, in a lozenge —*gules*, three falchions, in a bordure, - - - - - - - -

This monument is erected to the memory of Mrs. Margaret Hodgson late of Booters-hall, at Cranworth in this county, where she departed this life the 2d of Dec. 1743, *aged* 67 *years, and according to her own desire lies interred in the same vault with Mrs. Eliz. Pell. She gave* 5*l. per ann. to this parish, to the church-wardens and overseers, to take care of the vault and monuments, and keep them clean, and in repair, and what overplus annually to be distributed to objects of charity living in the said parish, and charged the estate in Cranworth with it.*

On an altar tomb, at the east end of the south isle,

Memoriæ Sacrum—

Hic jacet Johannes Pell de Darsingham, armiger, quondā major Linnæ Regis qui uxorem duxit Margaretam, filiam unicam Gulielmi Overend, armigeri, annos 61 *fœliciter una vixerunt, sex filios et tres filias inter se habuerunt, Ille vero cum annos* 80 *compleverat quinto die Februarij. Aº. Dni.* 1607, *maturâ senectute mortem obijt, et octavo die ejusdem mensis corpus sepulchro condebatur.*

On the sides of it are 6 *sons and* 3 *daughters; the eldest daughter born* 1548, *the* 3*d son in* 1556, the rest is obliterated; at the east end of it the arms of *Pell*, impaling *Overend—argent* on a chevron, *gules*, between three phæons *sable*, as many frogs, *or*.

Mors nec metuenda nec optanda est.
Epitaphium in eundem.

Mors violenta nolenti est prorsus, nulla volenti;
Non queat ille mori, qui velit ergo mori.
Vivit non moritur Pellus, mors, hæc sibi vita est,
Qui sibi posse dedit, vivere, velle mori.
Dicere, qualis erat, vellem, vox faucibus hæret,
Dicere fata negant, esse, fuisse dolet.
Mortem formidabilem error facit hominum.
Huc tendimus omnes.

On a gravestone with brass plates, *Pelle* impales *Richers, argent*, three annulets, 2 and 1, *azure*, quartering in the 1st and 4th quarter, six mullets, 3, 2, and 1; in the 3d a fess between 3 - - - - -, *gules*, and this epitaph——

Hac sub terra conditur, quicquid in cœlis non est, Gulielmi Pell

armigeri, ex duarum Elizabetharum conjugum, Illius et Richersorum de Swainnington, hujus ex Druseorum de Fincham, familijs oriund.

Vir fuit egregie cordatus, ex sex fratribus primus natu, ultimus mortuus, 84 annos commoratus in terris, placide transmigravit in cælis 28 die Junij Ao. Dni 1636, flendus suis omnibus, jugiter mihj pientissimo nepoti Johanni Pell.

An achievment,

In memory of ———, *wife of Dr. Kerrick*, and these arms, *sable*, on a pile *argent*, a caltrap of the first, *Kerrich*, and in an escutcheon of pretence, a bugle horn, *sable*, stringed *gules*, in base, a chevron of the second, and in chief indented of the 3d, *Postlethwait*.

At the south-east part of the churchyard there was formerly a chapel now in ruins dedicated to ———.

This vicarage is in the presentation of *Theodore Hoste*, Esq. who has the chief lordships; the rectory was appropriated to the priory of *Binham*, and is now in the see of *Norwich*, and leased out to the Earl of *Orford*, who also has a lordship here.

The vicarage in the King's Books, is 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and pays tenths and first fruits.

John Pell, Esq; dyed 1607.—*William, his eldest son, died* 1635.—*John Pell, nephew of William*, 16—.—*Sir Valentine Pell dyed in* 1658. *John Pell, Esq; eldest son of Sir Valentine*, 1649.

On his gravestone, *Pell* impaling ----------, on a bend, three mascles; died *s. p.*

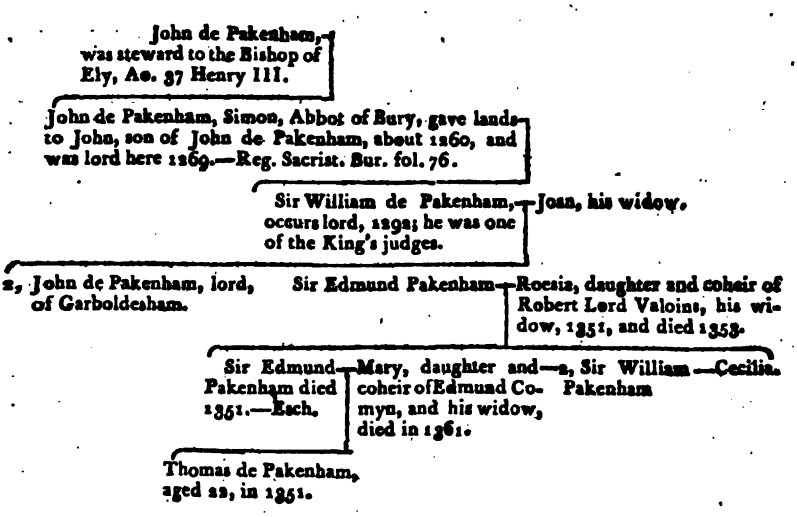
John Pell, Esq; his son died 1686.—*Valentine Pell, Esq; brother of John, died in* 1690, *and gave his manor here to Robert Walpole, Esq; of Houghton.—Eliz. Pell died in* 1732.

In the year 1229, there was an agreement between *Thomas Blundevill* Bishop of *Norwich*, and the prior of *Binham*, that this vicar should be allowed 7 marks *per ann.* the prior to present, and the Bishop of *Norwich* to institute.

The temporalities of the prior of *Norwich*, here, were charged at 22*d. per ann.*

The temporalities of the prior of *Lewes* at 12*d.*

PAKENHAMS PEDIGREE.



EMNETH, OR ENEMETH,

So called as lying in the meads, or meadows, is an hamlet in the parish of *Elm* in *Cambridgeshire*, and the isle of *Ely*; but this hamlet being in *Freebridge* hundred and in the county of *Norfolk*, it becomes requisite to give what account thereof has fallen into our hands.

Part of this hamlet belonged to the great manor of the prior of *Lewes*, in *West Walton*, which extended here.

HACKBEACH MANOR.

In the 5th of King *John*, it appears that there was a place in the aforesaid hamlet called *Hagebech*, which gave name to a family, then, as it seems, lord of it. *Alexander de Marisces* then sued *Agnes*, widow of *Jeffrey de Hagebech* and *Alan*, son of *Agnes*, for a carucate of land there, and *Adam de Hakebech* and *Mariotta* his wife, were living in the 5th of *Hen.* III. probably son of *Alan*;[a] Sir *Adam de Hakbech* lived in

[a] Plita. Term. Trin. 5 Joh. Rot. 17. —Assis. Norw. in Septim. Pasch. A°. 5°. Hen. III. Rot. 1.

1277, son, as I take it, of *Adam* aforesaid, and then held the manor of *Hakebech*, of the prior of *Lewes*, as belonging to the prior's manor of *West Welton*, which extended itself here; and the said Sir *Adam* had wreck, assise of bread and beer, &c.

Sir *Robert Hakebech*, *John*, son of *Osbert de Denever*, and *Egelina* his mother, and Sir *Robert Howard*, held in the 21st of *Edward* I. here, in *Walpole* and *Walton*, half a fee of the dutchy of *Lancaster*.

Robert de Hakebeche occurs in 1295, son of *Adam*, and one of the same name in 1323; and in the 8th of *Edward* II. *William de Hakebeche* and *Florentia* his wife conveyed lands by fine to *Adam*, son of *Peter de Enemethe*, in the said town.

In the 10th of *Edward* III. *Roger de Hakebeche* was a commissioner to see to the repairs of the banks and sewers in *Mersheland*; and in the 20th of that King, Sir *Robert de Hakebech* gave by deed, dated at *Quapplode* in *Lincolnshire*, *October* 3d, lands there, to Sir *William de Thorpe*, Knt.; witnesses, *John de Quappelode*, &c.; to this deed hangs a seal about the bigness of a common shilling, two bars; and circumscribed, *Sigillum Rob: de Hakebech*. One of the same name, and a knight, lived in the reign of *Henry* VI. *A°*. 14, whose widow *Margaret* died in the 34th of the said King, and *Reginald de Hakebeche* was a commissioner, as aforesaid, in the 1st year of *Richard* II.

But this lordship, on the death of the last Sir *Robert de Hakebech*, in King *Henry* the Sixth's time, seems to have come to Sir *Andrew Ogard*, Knt. who was found to die possessed of it, *Buckenham* castle, &c. in the 33d of that King: Sir *Andrew Ogard* was a famous general in the wars of *France*, Baron of *Denvale*, of *Beaufoe*, *Caux*, lord of the castle of *Favillers* in *Anjou*, of the castle of *Mervyle*, by St. *Savory*, of *Yffe*, by *Towke* in *France*, and had to the value of 1000*l*. *per ann.* in lands, &c. and in a chest of *French* gold, at the house of *Robert Whitingham*, about 7000 marks of *English*; he married *Margaret*, only daughter of Sir *John Clifton* of *Buckenham* castle.[7]

Afterwards it came to the family of *Hewar*, and on an inquisition taken *September* 2, 1579, *Thomas Hewar*, Esq. was found to die seized of this manor, on *May* 15, in the said year; which extended itself into *Walsoken*, *Upwell*, and *Outwell*, held of *Philip* Earl of *Arundel*, of his manor of West *Walton* in soccage, and the rent of 5*l*. 5*s*. 6*d*. *ob*. *per ann*. and of 87 acres of land, meadow and pasture, held of the King, &c. in soccage, and the rent of 44*s*. 6*d*. *per ann*. By *Winefred* his wife, daughter of *John Repps*, Esq. of *West Walton*, relict of *William Ogard*, Esq. of *Emneth*, he had Sir *Thomas Hewar*: this lordship (as I take it) came to the *Hewars* on the marriage of *Ogard's* widow. Sir *Andrew Ogard*, abovementioned, left at his death *Henry Ogard*,[8] his son and heir, aged 4 years; and *Andrew Ogard*, Esq. and *George* and *Henry*, sons of *Andrew*, were feoffees to Sir *Andrew* aforesaid; from some of these, this manor passed and came to *William Ogard*, Esq.

Sir *Thomas Hewar*, by his will dated *January* 21, in the 5th of King *Charles* I. left it to his nephew, *Lawrence Oxburgh*, (and died

[7] After the death of Margaret, who died s. p. before 1447, he married Alice, who after his death, in 1454, remarried Sir Hugh Cokessey and died his widow in 1460. —— See Itinerar. Willi. Worcester, in Coll. Corp. Xti. Cant. p. 11. &c.

[8] Sir Hen. Ogard was living in the 20th of Hen. VII.

May 15, in the 6th of that King,) who was second son of *Thomas Oxburgh*, (by *Etheldreda*, his wife,) who was the son of *Thomas Oxburgh* (who died in 1628) and *Thomasine* his wife, sister of Sir *Thomas Hewar*.

In this family it remained till *Hewar Oxburgh*, Esq. sold the manor-house to Sir *Thomas Peyton*, Bart. *(Hackbeach hall)* and his son conveyed the manor to the said Sir *Thomas*, who is the present lord.—It came to *Lawrence*, his elder brother, *Hewar Oxburgh* dying in 1628.

Sir *Andrew Ogard* abovementioned died at *Buckenham* castle in *Norfolk*, on St. *Calixtus* day 1454; he bought this lordship of *Emneth*, of *Gilbert Holtoft*, Baron of the Exchequer for 100*l.* he being one of the executors of Sir *Robert Hakbeche*, Knt.

BELLASIS, OR INGALDESTHORP'S MANOR.

The ancient family of *Ingaldethorpe* held a manor here of the prior of *Lewes*, as heirs to the *Burghs* of *Cambridgeshire:* in the 16th of *Edward* I. *Thomas*, son of *John de Ingaldesthorp*, settled the manor of *Bellasis*, in *Enemeth*, on *Thomas* Bishop of *Rochester*, for life, which *Thomas* was of the name and family; and in the 1st year of *Edward* III. *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp* was found to hold it of the prior in fee farm at 47*s.* 5*d.* rent; in this family it continued, and Sir *Edmund de Ingaldesthorp* died seized of it, in the 35th of *Henry* VI. leaving one daughter and heir, *Isabel*, who married *John Nevill* Marquis *Montacute*, by whom she had 2 sons and 5 daughters, and on the death of *George Nevill* (their brother) Duke of *Bedford*, *s. p.* were found to be his sisters and coheirs. On a division of his inheritance, this manor came to *Elizabeth*, one of the said sisters and coheirs, who married *Thomas* Lord *Scroop* of *Upsal* and *Masham*, who by her will dated in the 5th of *Henry* VIII. ordered that if her niece *Lucy Brown*, daughter of Sir *Anthony Brown* by her sister *Lucy*, (his wife,) did not agree to marry *John Cutts*, she should have none of her lands.

John was son and heir of Sir *John Cutts* of *Childerley* in *Cambridgeshire*, under treasurer of *England*. This marriage being effected it came into that family, and *John Cutts*, Esq. a descendant, was lord in the 12th of *Elizabeth*.

In the 20th of *Henry* VII. a fine was levied between Sir *James Hobart*, Sir *Richard Southwell*, Sir *Henry Ogard*, Knts. and *Richard Braunche*, Esq. querents, *Thomas Sutton*, and *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of *Robert Godard*, deforciants, of the manor of *Denvers* and lands in *Walpole, Tilney, Terrington*, &c. See in *Walpole*.

BISHOP OF ELY'S MANOR.

The manor of *Elm* belonged to the see of *Ely*, but the manor which the Bishop held in this hamlet of *Emneth*, was that which belonged

[9] Reg. Manwaring in Cur. Preroz. Cant. fol. 19.

to his capital manor of *West Walton*; *Alan de Hakebech* held in the reign of King *John* 112 acres of land in *Hakebeck*, paying 33*s.* and 8*d.* rent, and lands in *Walpole* of the Bishop, and was then called a free tenant, but it was afterwards esteemed a lordship. *Hubert*, son of *Geffrey de Barking* held lands in the reign of *Henry* III. and was accounted also a free tenant; the Bishop had all rights and privileges belonging to it as to his other manors, and *Robert de Hakebech*, son of *Adam*, is said to hold half a fee here of the Bishop, paying the aforesaid rent, and doing suit to *West Walton* court.

Henry de Walpole also held here about the same time a messuage and 120 acres of land of the Bishop, by knight's service; *Robert de Insula* 80 acres of the gift of *Jeffrey Redal*, Bishop of *Ely*; *Richard Muschet* held 160, and *Thomas de Inglethorp* had lands belonging to the see of *Ely*; it continued in the see till granted to the Crown in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, by act of parliament.

In the 6th of *Henry* III. a fine was levied betwen *Bartholomew de Glanvile*, and *Isabella* his wife, petents, and *Richard de Berking*, tenant, of 80 acres of land here, as the dower of *Isabel*, from *Jeffrey de Berking*, her former husband. *Hubert*, son of *Jeffrey*, is therein named, which was released to *Richard*; and in the 6th of *Henry* VII. passed by fine to Sir *Robert Drury*, and Sir *Henry Haydon*, &c. with the manor of *Fitz-John's*, and several lands here and in *Walsoken*, with the advowson of the free chapel of *Berking* in this place, which was likely what was held by *Hubert*, son of *Jeffrey de Berking*.

A manor which belonged to the nunnery of *Nun-Eaton*, in *Warwickshire*, extended into this hamlet, held of this see in *Upwell*.

Adam, son of *Adam de Wisebeach*, gave by deed, *sans* date, to *Ralph*, son of *Lemar. de Well*, all the land which *Walter* his brother held of him in *Broken*, (quere if not *Berking*,) in *Elm*, viz. 12 acres and an half of the fee of the nuns of *Eton*, for one pound of cumin, to him, and 6*s.* and 9*d. per ann.* to the said nuns at the beginning of *Lent*, also an acre of the Bishop of *Ely's* fee, where the buildings are, paying to the said *Adam* 3*d. per ann.*,—witnesses, *Alan* the bailiff, *Jeffrey de Hagbech*; seal of white wax, about 2 inches and an half diameter, with a man in armour on horseback, but very rude.

The manor of *Lovells* in *Elm*, &c. extended into this place; in the 33d of *Edward* III. a fine was levied between *John Warin*, &c. and Sir *Hugh Lovell*, and *Joan* his wife, when it was settled on Sir *Hugh* and his lady; and after their lives on the heirs of them; this afterwards was held by *Gilbert Haultoft*, Baron of the Exchequer, in the reign of King *Edward* IV. and by the marriage of *Alianor* his 3d daughter and coheir, came to *Simon Bachcroft*, and *William Bachecroft* of *Bexwell*, died possessed of it in 1518; and *John Repps*, son of *Henry Repps*, Esq. had livery of it about the 22d of *Elizabeth*, being then called the manor of *Clare*, alias *Lovell's*.

The tenths, &c. of this hamlet were 13*l. per ann.*——Deduct 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

To this hamlet belongs a large chapel, larger than most churches, having a nave, north and south isle, and a chancel dedicated to St. *Edmund* the King and Martyr.

Elm is the mother-church, has a rector, and a vicar, both in the patronage of the see of *Ely*; the rectory is a sinecure; the valor of the rectory, with the portion of the prior of *Lewes*, in 1291, was 80 marks;

the rectory is now charged at 7*l.* 10*s.* 0*d*½. and the vicarage at 14*l.* 15*s.* 10*d.* and pays first fruits and tenths.

At the east end of the south isle of this chapel of *Emneth*, enclosed with iron rails, is a sumptuous monument erected altarwise, on which lie the effigies of Sir *Thomas Hewar*, and his lady, at full length, and at their feet, that of a child, his son, who died young; over this monument is a canopy of marble, &c. supported by marble pillars.

M. S. Thomas Hewar, eques auratus, vir bonis et honestis moribus præditus, de patria et principe optime meritus, hoc juxta parentes suos hic sepultos monumentum mortis suæ non immemor sibi proposuit.

Duxit in uxorem Emmam Willi. Laurence. de villa Sti. Ivonis in agro Huntingdoniensi, armigi. filiam spectatæ fidei et vitæ integerrimæ fœminam, de qua unicum filium Thomam teneris annis ablatum suscitavit.

Fixa fides cælo, dispersaq; fama per orbem,
Te prohibent Hewar, te moriente mori.

On the summit of the canopy are these shields, *sable* two talbots heads, erased, *or*, between two flaunches, *ermin*, *Hewar*, quartering, *argent*, a lion rampant, *sable*, a chief indented p. fess, *gules* and of the second, *sable*, a chevron engrailed, between three leopards heads, *or*; quere if not *Wentworth*? and *argent*, three piles, wavy, *gules*, and an orle of martlets, *sable*, *Coo. Hewar*, with the said three coats, quartered, impaling *argent*, a cross ragulée, *gules*, on a chief of the 2d, a lion passant, guardant, *or*, *Lawrence*; also *or*, two bars, *azure*, over all a lion rampant, guardant, *gules*, *Oxburgh*. This monument was erected in *January*, 1617, by Mr. *Nicholas Stone*, master mason to King *James* I. who had (as I find) 95*l.* for it.

In the said chapel, against the wall, is a neat mural monument of marble; on the summit of it is *Hewar*, quartering as above, and *Anno Dni.* 1586; below that——*Altera pars nostri cæli pars altera terræ.*

Also these shields, *Hewar* with his quarterings, impaling *Repps* and *Smith*, quarterly, as in *West-Walton*; *Hewar*, &c. impaling *argent*, two bendlets, *sable*, *Kay*.

Armiger en Thomas Hewar, Winefredaq; conjux
Armigeri fœlix Johannis filia Repsi,
Quæ prius insigni Gulielmo nupsit Ogardo,
Lumine nunc casu tumulo clauduntur in isto.
Hæc Thomam, Thomâ, Thomasina, ac Elizabethâ
Fecerat hac triplici gaudentem prole maritum
Margeriam Thomas ducebat post Winefredam,
Uxorem fatis extinctam, quæ fuit orta
Edvardi patris generoso sanguine Kaij,
Sed Gulielmi erat hæc primo fidissima conjux,
Laurenti armigeri, sic bis fuit orba marito.

Winefreda obt. 9 *Feb. Ao. Dni.* 1576, *ao. ætat. suæ* 47, *Thomas obt.* 12. *Martij A. D.* 1585, *ao. ætat. suæ* 66.

On a window of the north side of the nave, over an arch, is quarterly, *gules*, a cross ingrailed, *argent*, in the first and fourth, and *argent* on a fess indented, *sable*, three bezants,—*Ingaldthorp* and *Burgh*, of

Burgh Green in *Cambridgeshire*. On a window on the south side, *gules*, a chevron, between three bezants, *Bevill*, or *Golding*; and on the wood work of the roof, these arms are carved; a saltire, which I take to be for *Nevill*; *gules*, a saltire, *argent*;—three water-budgets, which I take to be for *Ross*; *gules*, three water-budgets, *argent*. *Jordan de Ross*, and *Margaret* his wife, gave, by deed, *sans* date land here to *Castleacre* priory;—witnesses, *Adam de Hackebeck*, *William de Alenzun*, *Richard Muschet*, *John*, son of *Jordan de Ross*, and *Robert* his brother, &c.

Checque, probably for the Earl *Warren*, lord of the fee, *or* and *azure*, or for *Vaux*, *or*, and *gules*; and on the wood-work of the belfry; *Inglethorp*, and the shield of St. *Edmund* the King and Martyr, *azure*, a bunch of arrows in a coronet, *or*, and the arms of the see of *Ely*; besides these, there were formerly in this church, *or*, two bars, *azure*, said to be the shield of *Hakebeche*, and as some say, on the bars, two and one ducal coronets of the field; and the arms of *Carvile*, *gules*, a chevron, *or*, between three leopards heads, *argent*.

RECTORS.

Walter de Kirkham, rector about 1250.

Nicholas de Ely occurs in 1254, afterwards Bishop of *Winchester*.

Jeffrey de Kingston occurs in 1293, also rector of *Downham*, by *Ely*.

Peter de Arskarn occurs in 1298.

Robert Scarlet occurs in 1297.

Hervy de Stanton occurs in 1317, and 1339.

In the 11th of *Edward* II. he had a patent to grant a toft by the chapel yard, for the chaplains of the chapel, for their perpetual habitation, given by him.

William de Petteworth on the 18th of *September*, 1370; the prior of *Lewes* let to him and his successours, a portion of tithes due to him at *Emneth*, by the consent, &c. of the Bishop of *Ely*, patron of the church of *Elm*, for 20*l*. *per ann.* payable to the prior and his successours, in the parish church of *West Walton*, and the rector to pay all taxes relating thereto. This was for tithes belonging to the fee and demeans of the Earl *Warren* and *Surry*, their men and tenants in *Enemede*, &c.——canon of *Chichester*.

John Copping, rector.

Thomas Reynold occurs rector in 1440, when there was a suit between him and the prior of *Lewes*, for default of paying the 20*l*. *per ann.* aforesaid, and recovered the same; he died in 1445.

William Stanley collated by the Bishop of *Ely*.

1464, *Thomas Markham*, alias *Throwland*, fellow of St. *Peter's* college, by the Bishop, on *Stanley's* resignation.

William Read, on *Markham's* resignation.

1467, *Thomas Markham*, *iterum*.

1488, *Thomas Aleyn*, A.M.

1500, *William Doughty*, LL. B. chancellor to the Bishop.

William Wodde died rector, 1522.

1522, *Raphael Caldebeck*,

1540, *Giles Ayre*, S.T.B. (on the death of the last rector) prebend of *Ely*.

Thomas Barkwick occurs rector in 1564.

Thomas Ithell, LL. D. occurs rector in 1573; in 1579, master of *Jesus* college, prebend, and chancellor of *Ely*.

1579, *Richard Bridgwater*, LL. D. occurs in 1587,

Sir *Richard Swale*, Knight, occurs in 1590, chancellor of *Ely*.

1608, *Boniface Watts*, S.T.P.

1616, *Roger Andrews*, master of *Jesus* college, prebend of *Ely*.

Daniel Nicholls.

1641, *Robert Dove*, A.M.

1645, *Joseph Beaumont*, A.M. on *Dove's* death, master of St. *Peter's* college, &c.

1647, *Thomas Dove*, by the parliament.

1651, *Henry Johnson*, A.M. fellow of St. *John's* college, *Cambridge*.

1700, *Robert Tillotson*, A.B. fellow of *Clare* Hall.

173-, *Potter*, son of Doctor *Potter*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*.

VICARS.

Peter occurs vicar about 1254

Walter de la More.

Hugh occurs 31 *Edward* I.

1376, *John Comberbury*, on the resignation of *More*, by the Bishop.

1393, *John Wetyng*.

1401, *John Stacy*.

1404, *William Aleyn*.

William Stanley occurs in 1474.

1474, *Edmund Roweray*.

1540, *Nicholas Walpole*.

Bernard Hunteley, deprived 1554.

Mark Saunders occurs 1573.

Richard Dowe occurs 1576.

Robert Linsey occurs 1578, and 1596.

1599, - - - *Griffith*.

William Giles occurs 1603, and 1641.

1641, *William Alanson*.

1660, *Henry Johnson*, A. M.

1662, *Robert Cole*, A.M. on *Johnson's* death.

1665, *Thomas Hutton*, A.B.

Charles Dawkes occurs 1669, fellow of *Jesus* college, *Cambridge*.

1698, *Thomas Mullabar*, A.M.

1709, *Thomas Davies*, A.M.

1709, *Martin Challis*, A.M.

1729, *Edmund Castle*, A.M. master of *Corpus Christi* college, *Cambridge*.

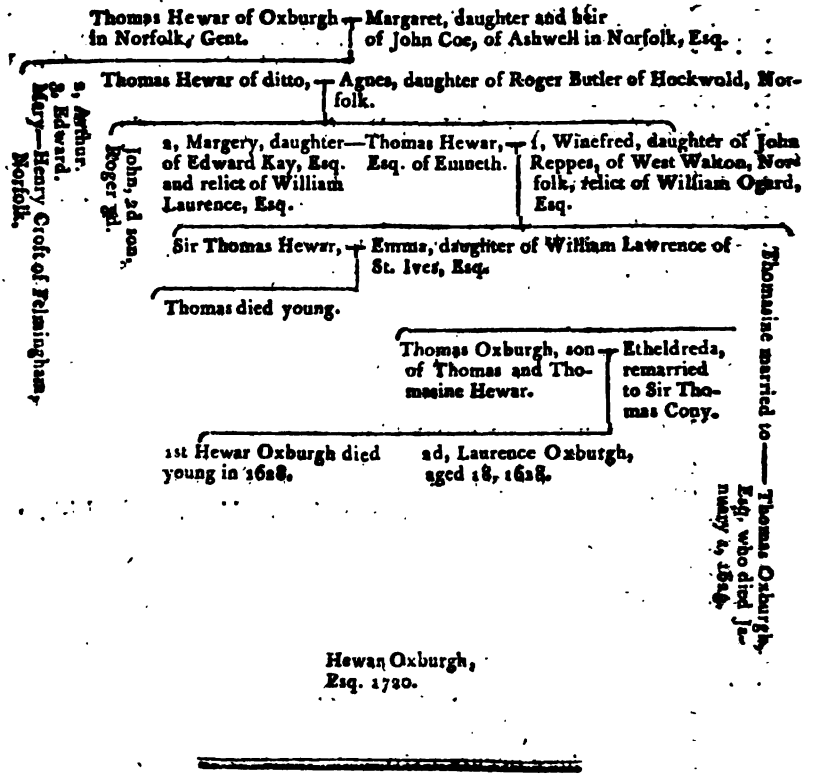
1731, *John Newson*, A.M.

In this chapel was the chantry of St. *Mary*, founded by Sir *Adam de Hakebech*, where the monument of *Hewar* is, and the lights and

images of St. *Edmund*, St. *Mary*, our Lady of Pity, St. *John*, St. *Erasmus*, St. *Laurence*, &c.

There was a free chapel called *Berking* chapel, standing in 1389, in a hamlet of that name, that gave name to an ancient family.

HEWAR'S PEDIGREE.



FLITCHAM,

On *Plicheim*, *Plicham*, and *Flicham*, as it is wrote in *Domesday* book, taking its name not from *Felix* Bishop of the *East-Angles*, (as some have conceived,) but from its site, it not being the custom of the *Saxons*, to give names to towns from their lords, or any person; the ground here, as *Spelman* observes, abounds with springs and water; the priory was styled on this account, St. *Mary de Fontibus*, at the springs; *Quod ab oriente fontes ostendit aprico interdum meatu, interdum subterraneo ludentes*; therefore, from these flete ions, or waters, it takes

[a] Spelm. Icenia.

its name; (thus *Flixton* in *Suffolk*, &c.) this is also called *Flicemell* in *Domesday* book.—See in *Ringsted-Magna, Snethden* hundred.

Odo Bishop or *Bayeaux*, in *Normandy*, half brother to the Conqueror, had a lordship herein, granted to him on the expulsion of *Stigand* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, which he held with the lordship of *Snetsham*, as a heruite to it, consisting of 7 carucates of land and an half, 18 villains, 14 borderers, 3 servi, and 8 socmen and 4 mills; there were 3 carucates also in demean, in *Stigand's* time, and 5 carucates among the tenants.[a]

On the rebellion of *Odo* against his nephew, King *William* II. he was deprived of it, and it was given to *William de Albini*, the King's butler, ancestor of the Earls of *Sussex*, of which family see in *Rising*, and was held of the *Albinies* by *Ralph de Bellofago*, or *Beaufo*.

But the chief manor, and the greatest part of this town, was granted to *Roger Bigot*, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, held by *Algar* of *Stigand* the Archbishop,[3] and *Ralph*, son of *Walter*, was enfeoft of it by *Bigot*, as a manor; it consisted of 2 carucates of land, 20 borderers, 3 servi, and 2 carucates in demean, in *Algar's* time; one carucate of the tenants, 5 acres of meadow, and a mill, one beast for carriage, 3 cows, paunage for 27 swine, &c. 180 sheep, and was valued then at 40*s.* at the survey at one; it was one mile and an half long, 5 furlongs broad, and paid 16*d.* gelt when the hundred was taxed at 20*s.* whoever was lord of it.

There also belonged to it a socman with 5 acres of land, valued at 2*s.* of this manor, and of all the men, *Stigand*, had the soc, and it was delivered to *Roger Bigot*, and the said *Ralph* held it. *Roger* had had also a socman with 30 acres, and a borderer with an acre of meadow, and 2 bovates, valued at 3*s.* a church also belonged to it, with 8 acres, valued at 8*d.*[4]

And the said *Roger Bigot* had seized on 80 acres of land, held by 10 freemen in King *Edward's* time, and *Ranulph*, or *Ralph* son of *Walter*, held this under *Roger*, with 6 acres and an half of meadow, and 2 carucates, valued at 12*s. per ann. Roger's* predecessor had only the protection; *Stigand* had the soc, and protection of one of them, and the soc of the rest.[5]

Roger Bigot, on the marriage of *Maud* his daughter to *William de Albini* aforesaid, gave them 10 knights fees in *Norfolk*, and among

[a] Terre Epis. Baiocensis.—Snetesham ten. Stigand. — Huic manerio jacet i heruita Flicham vii car. t're. et dim. semp. xviii vill. et xiiii bor. et iii ser, et viii soc. et iiii mol. tnc. iii car. in d'nio. p. et mo. ii semp. v car. ho'um.

[3] Algar, who held this of Stigand in the Confessor's time, was the great Earl of Mercia, son of Leofric Earl of Leicester, by the Lady Godiva.

[4] Terre Rogeri Bigoti—In Plicham tenuit Algarus de Stiganda Archiepd. mo. tenet Ranulf. f. Galteri, p. m. ii car. t're. tc. xx bord. mo. xxiii tnc. iii ser mo. ii tnc. ii car. in d'nio. et p. i mo. ii sep. i cas houm. v acr. p'ti. et i mol. tnc. i r. et mo. tnc. iii an. tnc. xxvii porc. mo. xxxii tnc. clxxx ov. mo. i tnc. et p. xls. mo i sol. tota ht. mil. et dim. in long. et v qr. in lato, et reddit xvi*d.* de gelt. de xx sol, q'cunq; ibi teneat.

Hic jacet i soc. v ac. t're. et val. ii sol. sup. hoc manieru' et sup. om'es. ho'es. qi. erant in eo' habebat Stigand. soca' et fuit liberatu' Rogero, Ide' R. tenet.—In Plicham, i soc. xxx ac, Ide' R. tenet i bor. et i ac. p'ti tnc. ii bov. mo. iii val. iii sol. ecclie viii ac. val. viii*d.*

[5] Invasiones——Rogi. Bigot ten. in Plicham x lib ho'es. de lxxx. ac. qd. ten. Ranulf. fil. Galfi. vi ac. et dim. p'ti. il car. val. xii sol. de h. habuit suus asetc. com'd. tant. et Stigand soca: et com'dat. sup. unu' et sup. alios socam.

these, as I take it, were the tenures or manors here mentioned, and so joined to *Albiny's* other lordships.

William Earl *Warren* had also a lordship, out of which four freemen were ejected at the conquest, who had one carucate of land, held by 5 borderers, 6 acres and 2 carucates and an half of meadow, valued at 20s. this he claimed by virtue of an exchange.[a]

This was held of the Earl *Warren* also by the family of *Beaufoe*, and being thus enfeoft of the whole town, I shall treat of it as I find it from ancient evidences.

Ralph, son of *Walter* abovementioned, was ancestor of the family of *Beaufoe*. *Agnes de Beaufoe*, wife or widow of *Ralph*, with her daughter *Almund*, were attendants at the funeral of *Maud*, daughter of *Roger Bigot*, and wife of *William de Albini*, in the priory church of *Wimondham*, (lately founded by *William*,) about the year 1130.

Fulk de Beaufoe, who was lord in the reign of *Henry* II. dying without issue male, left 4 daughters and coheirs; *Emme*, who married *Gilbert de Norfolk*; *Agatha*, who married Sir *Robert Aguilon*; *Joan*, wife of *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*, and *Margery*, wife of *Robert Scales*. The two first of these had only an interest in this town.

Agatha, by Sir *Robert Aguillon*, left also 4 daughters and coheirs, between whom her moiety was divided; *Agatha*, wife of Sir *Adam de Cockfield*; *Isabel*, of *Luke de Ponyngs*; *Margery*, of *Jordan de Sackville*, and after of Sir *Gyles de Argenton*; and *Joan*, of Sir *Ralph Fitz-Bernard*.

POINING'S MANOR

Came to Sir *Luke de Poinyns*, on his marriage with *Isabel*, daughter and heir of *Aguillon*; and about the end of the reign of *Henry* III. *Thomas de Ponyngs*, *Andrew de Sackvile*, *Walter de Barnardeston*, and *John de Rocheford*, were found to hold in this town and *Appleton*, 2 fees of the honour of *Arundel*; and in the 8th of *Edward* I. a fine was levied between *Luke de Ponyngs*, and *Roger de Somercotes*, and *Maud* his wife, (relict of ——— *Ponyns*, father of *Luke*, as I take it) whereby *Luke* granted them the manor of *Flitcham*, for the life of *Maud*, with an annuity of 100s.

William Beauchamp, *Michael de Poynings*, *Roger de Flytcham*, and *John de Bernadiston*, held 2 fees and an half in this town, &c. of the honour of *Arundel*, in the 20th of *Edward* III. and *Robert de Ponyns* held half a fee of the *Cliftons*, in the 3d of *Henry* IV. and *William Yelverton* and *John Scot*, trustees of the Lord *Ponyngs*, demised it to *Jerome Wodehouse*, 3d son of *John Wodehouse*, Esq. in the 23d of *Henry* VI.

In the 21st of *Edward* IV. *December* 12, *Richard Southwell*, *Robert* and *Bartholomew White*, by deed, appoint *Simon White*, *Robert* and *Thomas Wodehouse*, Gent. (sons of *John Wodehouse*, Esq. their attornies, to receive rents due to them out of their manors of *Ponyns*, and *Berneston* in *Flitcham*, formerly *Jeremy Wodehouse's*.

[a] T're. Willi. de Warenna——In. ii car. et dim. val. xxs. hoc reclamat p. Plica. i car. t're. ten. iiii lib. ho'es. T. escang. R. E. sep. v bord. et vii ac. p'ti. sep.

After this, it was possessed by Sir *Richard Williams*, alias *Cromwell*, who conveyed it, in the 31st of *Henry* VIII. to Sir *William Hollys*, lord mayor of *London*, in 1538, ancestor of the *Hollises* Dukes of *Newcastle*, who dying *October* 13, *ao.* 34 of that King, *Thomas* his son and heir, inherited it; who bore *sable*, on a bend, between two talbots, passant, and a dolphin embowed *argent*, three annulets, *gules*.

Sir *Thomas*, in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, passed it by fine to *Henry Ward*, with the lordship of *Barneston*, or *Bernardiston*, for 2900*l.* but his lady being jointured therein, and her father, *Richard Pain*, not agreeing to it, it came into that family, and from them, to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, before his attainder in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*.

Philip Earl of *Arundel*, his son and heir, demised in the 28th of that Queen, to *Richard Hovell* of *Flitcham*, Gent. *Flitcham-house*, late the site of the priory, with all the appertenances, and the manors called *Poyning's*, *Cockfield's*, *Bernardeston's*, *East-Hall*, and *Snoring*, the lands, foldcourses, watermills, &c. thereto belonging, in the tenure of the said *Hovel*, for 15 years, at the annual rent of 257*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* he paying also to the Bishop of *Norwich*, 6*s.* 8*d.* rent; to the dean and chapter, 3*s.* 4*d.* and to the archdeacon, 9*s.* 7*d.* *ob. per ann.* also to provide a curate for the church of *Flitcham*.

This Earl being found guilty of high treason, and dying a prisoner in the *Tower* of *London*, it came to the Crown, and King *James* I. on *February* 14, in his first year, granted the priory-house, and all the aforesaid manors, with the impropriated rectory, to *Richard Locksmith*, and *Robert Bolleyn*, they paying 170*l.* 11*s.* 5*d.* fee-farm rent *per ann.* In his sixth year, it was granted on *February* 12th to *Henry Beck*, *Robert Bolleyn*, &c. on the request of Sir *Christopher Hatton*. After this, the said King gave it to the Earl of *Suffolk*, in fee-farm, and the Lord Chief Justice *Coke* purchased it of him, and the fee-farm rent of the Crown, and so descended to *Thomas Coke*, the late Earl of *Leicester*.

SACKVILL'S MANOR.

JORDAN DE SACKVILL, who married *Margery*, one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir *Robert Aguillon* gave name to it; his son *Andrew* occurs lord in the 28th of *Edward* I. In the 20th of *Edward* III. it was found that this lord, and the lords of *Poynings*, *Cockfield's*, and *Barnardiston's* manors, held here and in *Appleton*, 2 fees and an half, of the Earl of *Arundell*. *Margery's* 2d husband was Sir *Gyles de Argenton*.

About the year 1350, *Elizabeth*, wife of Sir *Andrew Lutterell*, had a grant of free warren in the manors of *Flitcham Sackvill's* in *Norfolk*, *Moulton*, *Derbenham*, &c. in *Suffolk*; she was the daughter of *Hugh Courtney* Earl of *Devonshire*, by *Margaret* his wife, daughter of *Humphrey de Bohun* Earl of *Hereford*; and married first, Sir *John Vere*, 3d son of *John* Earl of *Oxford*, was a lady of great wealth, and purchased this lordship, with the advowson or patronage of 2 canons in the priory here, of Sir *John de Cheverston*, in the 44th of *Edward* III.; she died in the 19th of *Richard* II. and Sir *Hugh Lutterell*, lord

of *Dunster* castle in *Somersetshire*, was her son and heir, and died in the 6th of *Henry* VI.

In the 21st of *Henry* VI. *John Spendlove*, and *Margaret* his wife, *John*, son and heir of *Adam Snoring*, conveyed it by fine, to *John Bertram* of *Saxlingham*, by *Holt* in *Norfolk*, who by his will, on *July* 15, 1461, devised it to *John*, his second son, for life, with the advowson, or until he should be preferred to a greater benefice ecclesiastical, and then to go to the priory of *Walsingham*; and thus it was afterwards partly united to the manor of *Snoring*, in this town, and part came to Sir *Richard Williams*, and so to Sir *William Hollys*, and the late Earl of *Leicester*, as aforesaid.

COCKFIELD'S MANOR.

By the marriage of *Agatha*, one of the 4 daughters and coheirs of Sir *Robert Aguillon*, and *Agatha* his wife, with Sir *Adam de Cockfield*, this lordship was assigned to him; he died in the beginning of the reign of King *Edward* I. and *Robert* was his son and heir, on whose death, *sans* issue, it came to his sister *Joan*, *ao.* 25 of *Edward* I.; she was the wife of *William de Beauchamp*, and held by him in the 7th of *Edward* II. by whose daughter it came to Sir *John de Cheverston*, who was made by King *Edward* III. on his taking of *Calais*, the first governor or captain of it; by his first wife, *Thomasine*, he had *John* his son and heir, and *Hugh* his second son, on whom he settled this manor, by fine, in the 25th of the said King; but in the 44th of that King, Sir *John* sold it to the Lady *Elizabeth*, wife of Sir *Andrew Luttrel*, abovementioned, and so was united to the manor of *Sackvill's*.

BERNARDSTON'S MANOR

Assumed its name from Sir *Ralph Fitz-Bernard*, on his marriage to *Joan*, another of the daughters and coheirs of Sir *Robert Aguillon*, and in his descendant it continued many years; *John de Bernardston* held it in the 20th of *Edward* III. of the honour of *Arundel*; and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Agnes*, wife of *John de Bernardston*, held it of the *Cliftons*, and before this, *Alexander*, son of *Walter de Bernardston*, and *Alice* his wife, in the 2d of *Edward* II.

In the reign of *Henry* VI. it was united to the lordship of *Poynings*, and possessed by *Jerome Wodehouse*, and so passed with that, as is above shewn.

SNORING-MANOR.

Besides the lordships above specified, *Emma de Beaufoe*, daughter and coheir of *Fulk de Beaufoe*, and sister of *Agatha*, had her right or part, a moiety in this town; she married *Gilbert de Norfolk*, who had a patent in the first year of King *John*, to enjoy all her inheritance for life, and dying soon after without issue, she obtained for 600 marks a license not to be distrained to marry, and to enjoy all her own inheritance, and also to have her dower, in that of her late husband.

Emma had a niece, *Damietta*, on whom she settled great part of this lordship, and married first, *Thomas Avenel*, by whom she had a son, *Reginald*, who died without issue.

Her second husband was *Peter de Fuldon*, by whom she had a son, *Richard*.

Damietta, in her widowhood, gave to the prior, &c. of *Walsingham*, in *Norfolk*, 30 acres of land, with half a foldcourse in this town; and her aunt *Emma* gave 2 acres of land, 28*d.* rent *per ann.* which *Thomas Avenel* was to pay her for lands she granted him on his marriage. This went by the name of *Snoring* manor in the reign of *Edward* IV. and on the dissolution of *Walsingham* priory, was granted, *June* 19, *ao.* 6 *Edward* VI. to *Thomas (Thurleby)* Bishop of *Norwich*, and his successours, and so continues.

The tenths of this village were 13*l. per ann.*

To those who search truly and deeply into sacred antiquity, it will frequently appear how the church of *Rome* has for many centuries past, even in the *Saxon* times, imposed on the credulity, the weakness, and ignorance of mankind, by their *piæ fraudes*, inventions, and traditions, false and spurious to the last degree, as will appear in the following instance.

Fælix, who is said to be the first Christian Bishop of the *East-Angles*, to have his seat at *Dunwich* in *Suffolk*, and to have died in or about the year 647, is made by the church of *Rome*, to be the founder of this town, to give name to it, to have converted these parts, and to have erected the first Christian church at *Babingly*, (a town adjoining to *Flitcham*,) and that he was assisted in this building, &c. by *Thoke*, a powerful man, lord of many townships in the neighbourhood, whom he had made a convert to the Christian faith.

In answer to this, I am to observe, that all towns in the times of the *Britons*, (many centuries before the time of Bishop *Felix*) took their names from their site, as this did from the Flices, that is the flete ices, springs, and ousiness of its soil, as I have already observed. Many of these ancient *British*, and old *Saxon* names, were changed by the *Romish* church, for the names of their fictitious saints; thus *Slepe* in *Huntingdonshire*, was changed and called St. *Ives*; thus *Eynsbury*, was called St. *Neot's*; thus old *Verulam* was changed to St. *Alban's*, and thus *Bevderickswortb* to St. *Edmund's Bury*.—As for *Thoke*, said to be a convert of St. *Fælix*, he was lord of *West Walton*, *Harpley*, *Gressinghale*, *Sculthorp*, *Burnham Thorp*, and many other towns; was a noble *Saxon* lord, or thane in King *Edward's* reign, and deprived of all on the conquest, as the book of *Domesday* will testify.

The CHURCH of *Flitcham* consists of a nave, a south isle, with a porch, and a square tower in which hangs one bell, and is dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*; there has been a chancel and a north isle, now in ruins; the south isle is covered with lead, and the nave, and the porch are tiled.

At the west end, of the nave lies a black marble gravestone,

In memory of Christian, relict of Clement Leeds, of Reepham in this county, who died August 1, 1739, *aged* 73.

Another with the arms of *Bendish*, *argent*, a chevron, between three rams heads, erased, *azure*, attired, or,

Sub hoc lapide positum est corpus Francisci Beedyh, generosi, in adversis viri insigni patientia, in amicos non minore benignitate, qui expiravit 7 die Novemb. Ao. Dni. 1647, *ætat.* 63; *Plurimis quondam oppressus, jam ærumnis, oppressionibus, malis omnibus dormit securus; beatissimam expectans resurrectionem.*

On one with a brass plate,

Christ is to me both in life and in death, an advantage. Edward Runthwitt, born at Rippon in Yorkshire, departed this life the 16 *day of July,* 1614, *in the* 82*d year of his age, whose body is returned to earth from whence it came, and his soul into the hand of God who gave it;* ——*Blessed are the dead, &c. Rev.* 14.

This church was anciently a rectory: *Daniel de Merlay* was rector in 1199, when a fine passed between him and *Philip Fitz Robert*, of 8 acres of land, bought of *Philip*, by *Robert*, father of *Daniel*, and conveyed to him, being given to this church.[9]

John de Merlai, rector in 1229, gave to the monks of *Wimunda'* two parts of the great and small tithes of the Earl of *Sussex's* land, the *Arundel* fee; who by another deed was to enjoy them for his life; this seems to be originally granted to that priory by the founder, with liberty of fishing here, &c. and *John* of *Oxford* Bishop of *Norwich*, in the reign of *Henry* II. made an agreement between the prior of *Wymonham*, and the rector, to have the tithes of the fee of the Earl of *Sussex*, on his paying 2 marks and an half *per ann.* pension, which was confirmed afterwards by *Thomas de Blundevile*, Bishop, and the spiritualities of the priory aforesaid, in this church, were so taxed in 1428.—Two parts of the tithes of the fee of *William* Earl *Warren*, were given by him to the priory of *Castleacre*, in the reign of King *Stephen*.

Afterwards, the rectory was appropriated to the priory here and a vicarage settled, and that was united and consolidated to the rectory, for which the prior had a patent in the 17th of *Richard* II. upon this the cure was probably served by one of the canons here, and on the dissolution it was granted with the priory, &c. to *Ed.* Lord *Clinton*, *January* 9, in the 30th of *Henry* VIII. and soon after to *Richard Williams, alias Cromwell*, who in the next year alienated it to Sir *William Hollis*, and so passed as the manor of *Poynings*, and is an impropriation belonging to the late Earl of *Leicester*.

The rectory was valued and taxed at 17 marks, 4*s.* 6*d.* and the vicarage at 8 marks, 8*s.* 10*d.* *Peter*-pence to the Pope 16*d.* and a pension of 6*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* was paid to the Bishop of *Norwich*, out of the rectory.

RECTORS.

John de Merlai, occurs rector 1229.

1316 Mr. *John de Schutlington*, instituted vicar, named by the Bishop of *Norwich*, presented by the prior and convent of St. *Mary ad fontes de Flitcham*.

[9] Fin. Norf. an. 10 Ric. I, N. 85. Reg. Wymondham, fol. 64, &c. et fol. 23, &c. Reg. Castlenc, fol. 4.

John de Swanton.

1339, *Richard de Swanton*, presented by the prior, &c.

1349, *Thomas de Plumsted.* *Ditto.*

1349, *Henry de Redesham.* *Ditto.*

1369, *Edmund de Heyford*, named by the King, the see being void, presented by the prior, &c.

Reginald de Apulton, named by the Bishop, presented by the prior, &c.

After this the vicarage was consolidated to the rectory, and so came both into the priory in the time of Bishop *Henry Spencer*; on which a pension of 6*s.* 8*d. per ann.* was reserved, to be paid to the Bishop yearly, and 2*s.* to the archdeacon of *Norwich*, and 2*s.* to the sacrist of *Norwich*. This consolidation was confirmed by King *Richard* II. *A°.* 17, and the prior had also a patent for the same, in the 9th of *Henry* VI.

PRIORS.

Philip, sans date.

Frater Fulco Briton, occurs 28th of *Edward* I.

1332, *Vincent de Flycham*, prior.

1349, *John de Flycham.*

1374, *Laurence de Weston.*

1375, *John de Hillington.*

1404, *John Flycham.*

Thomas Berdon.

1438, *Thomas Pope.*

1448, *John Lenn.*

1458, *John Dokkyng.*

1467, *William Wilkeshire*, and occurs 1487.

1490, Mr. *Richard Gottys*, LL.B.

1498, Mr. *Edmund Litchfield*: quere if not Bishop of *Calcedon.*

John Martin, occurs prior 1514.

Thomas Pedishe, occurs in 1526.

HOLLIS'S PEDIGREE.

1st, Elizabeth, daughter of John Denzill of Cornwall, serjeant at Law. — Sir William Hollis, Lord Mayor of London. — 2d, Elizabeth daughter and heir of George Scopham.

Sir Thomas Hollis. — ——, daughter of Richard Fain, of Castlesere.

William Hollis. — Elizabeth, daughter of John Flowerdew, brother of Ed. Flowerdew, serjeant at law, and Baron of the Exchequer.

FLITCHAM PRIORY

Was founded by Sir *Robert Aguillon*, in the beginning of the reign of *Henry* III. though some have said by *Damietta* aforesaid; but it appears on record that *Aguillon* was the founder and patron of it, in a suit between *Andrew de Saukevil* and *William de Anemere*, wherein *Andrew*, as heir to *Aguillon*, recovered his right of presentation of it, in 1300.[8] It was a cell to the priory of *Walsingham*, in *Norfolk*, canons of St. *Augustine*, dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*, and not a nunnery, as *Speed*, *Weaver*, &c. have said; and was surrendered to King *Henry* VIII. together with *Walsingham* priory, by *Richard*, prior of *Walsingham*, on *August* 4, in the 30th of that King; valued, according to *Speed*, at 69*l.* 10*s.* 6*d*½. according to others at 55*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* *ob. q.* on the 9th of *January* following, it was granted with all its appertenances, the priory manor, rectory, vicarage, and all other messuages, lands, &c. in *Norfolk*, belonging to it, to *Ed.* Lord *Clinton*;[9] soon after this it came to *Richard Williams, alias Cromwell*, who had the next year the King's license to alienate it to Sir *William Hollis* and his heirs; from Sir *Thomas*, his son, it came to *Pain*, and the Duke of *Norfolk*, &c. as in *Poynings* manor, and so to the Earl of *Leicester*.

It appears that in the 3d of *Edward* I. the prior held one carucate of land in pure alms, of the gift of *Robert Aguillon*, the founder, and was lord of a manor here, in the 9th of King *Edward* II.[1]

In the 18th of *Edward* II. the prior had a patent or license to purchase land to the value of 10*l. per ann.* and in the 44th of *Edward* III. *Thomas Balle*, and *Nicholas Baroun* gave to the prior a messuage and 120 acres of land in *Anemere*, held of the heirs of *John Irvye*, *Edmund de Thorp*, and *William Durant*, by knight's service;[2] and there remained (as it is said) to the said *Thomas* and *Nicholas*, lands and tenements in *Flitcham*, held of *Thomas de Poynings*, by knight's service, valued at 40*s. per ann.*

Thomas de Flitcham, &c. aliened to this priory a messuage, 4 tofts, 133 acres of land, and the rent of 45*s.* in *Flitcham*, *Appleton*, *Hillington*, &c. in the sixth year of *Richard* II.; and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. the prior, *Simon Barret*, *John Kirkman*, *Nicholas Bacon*, &c. were found to hold a knight's fee and an half here; and the prior of St. *Mary* of *Flitcham*, in the 19th of *Henry* VI. had a confirmation of all grants, liberties, &c. belonging to his priory.

The temporalities and spiritualities of this priory in this town, were taxed at 43*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* in the year 1428.

Brother *Fulco de Briton*, a canon here, seems to be presented to the priory in 1300, by *William Anemer*, but his right of presentation being set aside, it may be queried if he continued prior.

The patronage of it came from the *Cockfields*, &c. to the *Cheverestons*, and then to *Elizabeth*, widow of Sir *Andrew Lutterell*,[3] who on

[8] P'lita. Term. Trin. A°. 28 Edw. 1. Rot. 77 in Dorso.

[9] P. 3. A°. 30 Hen. VIII.——P. 6. A°. 31 Hen. VIII.

[1] Rot. Hundr. de Frebridge, A°. 3 Ed. I. in Curia Recept. S'ccij.—A°. 13 Ric. II. m. 18.

[2] Escaet. ad qd. damn. N. 44.—Esch. N. 143—A°. 19 Hen. 6. p. 1. m. 8.

[3] Echart. Famil. Lutterell.

the 1st of *August*, in the 44th of King *Edward* III. purchased the patronage of this priory, together with the manor of *Cockfield*, at which time there were six canons here, sometimes called *Prior et Confratres*, also *Prior et Canonici Ord. Sci. Augustini.*

The temporalities of the prior of *Westacre* here were valued at 8*s.* *per ann.* in 1428.

Those of the prior of *Walsingham* at 20*s.* *per ann.*[4]—The prior of *Fakenham's*, at 4*s.* *per ann.*

John de Alneto is said to have given lands, and common of pasture here to the priory of *Windham.*

Sir *John Godsalve* had a pension out of this house of 13*s.* 4*d.* in King *Edward* the Sixth's time paid him.

In this parish was the remarkable hill or tumulus, where, in the *Saxon* age, the hundred court was held, in the time of *William Rufus*, in order to decide a controversy about lands at *Holm*, who issued out a commission to *H.* his chamberlain, to call together 3 hundreds and an half at this place, called *Flicceham Bursh.* It is upon an hill about a mile above the town of *Flitcham*, in the hundred of *Freebridge citra Lenne*, on the west side of the way, leading from that town, to *Sharnborne*, being a square piece of ground about an acre, ditched about with an old large ditch, about 8 miles from *Holm*, where the lands lay, which were then claimed by the abbot of *Ramsey.*

GAYWODE.

THIS town and lordship belonged to the Bishops of the *East-Angles*, in the time of the *Saxons*, and was given by some of their Kings. In the reign of King *William* I. *William (Beaufoe)* Bishop of *Thetford* held it in right of that see; and *Almar* Bishop of *Elmham* held it in King *Edward* the Confessor's time, by the same right: this *Almar* was brother to *Stigand*, and succeeded him in this see, on his translation to *Winchester*, in 1047.

Before the survey the Bishop had 3 carucates of land in demean, there were always two, and one amongst the tenants, and 16 villains; in the time of Bishop *Almar* there were 28 borderers, but in *Beaufoe's* 24, always one servus, 40 acres of meadow, paunage for 160 hogs, one mill, and 32 acres of land; in *Almar's* time 30 salt pits or salt pans, or works, at the survey 21, and 3 socmen who held 29 acres, 4 of meadow, &c. and 190 sheep.[5] In *Almar's* time it was valued at

[4] Regist. Wymonds, fol. 98.

[5] Terra Willi. epi. Tedfordenis, ad episcopatu. p'tinens T. R. E.—Gauuide tenuit Almar, epis. t.r.e. p. man. et p. iii car. tre. m°. ten. eps. in dnio. sep. ii car. in dnio. et i car. hom. et xvi vill. tc. xxviii bor. mo. xxiiii sep. i ser. XL ac. pti. silv. CLX. porc. et i mol. et xxxii ac. tre. te. xxx sal. m°. xxi et iii soc. de xxix ac. et iiii ac. pti. sep. i runc; et iii an. et xxv porc. CXC. ov. tc. val. xiii lib. m°. xviii et x sol. totu. ht. i leu. in long. et dim. in lat. et reddit xiid. de gelt.

13*l. per ann.* but at the survey at 18*l.* 10*s. per ann.*—The whole was one leuca long, and half a one broad, paid 12*d.* to the gelt.—It was called in the *Saxon* times *Gauuide*, and takes its name from *Guy* or *Quie*, which signifies a river or water, and gives name to many places as in *Gayton*, &c.

Herbert Bishop of *Norwich* gave to the priory of that church a carucate of land in this town and *Myntling*, as will be there further observed; and from the register of that church, it appears that *William Turbus*, or *Turbervile*, Bishop in the reign of King *Stephen* and *Henry* II. who had been sub-prior of that monastery, was a great friend to those monks, confirming all their former grants, and amongst them, the church of St. *Magaret* at *Lynn*, with the soc, men, fair, and all their salt-pits or pans in *Geywode*, excepting those which belonged to the Bishop, and wherein his own lands were, and belonged to the farm of his manor;[6] and *John de Grey*, Bishop, confirmed to them the charters of his predecessors, the church of *Myntlyng*, and all the tithes of his manor of *Gaywode*, excepting those belonging to the church of St. *Faith* of *Gaywode*, by deed dated the eleventh of the *Kalends* of *April*, in the 5th year of his pontificate. This Bishop erected or rebuilt a sumptuous palace here for himself and successours, wherein he much resided; and the priory of *Norwich* released to him all their right in the profits of the fairs of *Lynn* and *Gaywode*, with the *Saturday* market at *Lynn*; all their salt pans, lands, rents, and houses, with the lay fees belonging to the priory of *Lynn*, (which was a cell to the priory of *Norwich*) for which he gave them in exchange all his right in the manor of *Sechesford*, (by *Snetesham*,) with the manor of *Great Cressingham*, excepting the patronage, and the service of the knights fees, reserving to himself and successors the same authority that they had in the other manors of that monastery

In the 24th year of *Henry* II. the Bishop of *Norwich* was found to hold this lordship with *Lenne*, in *capite*; and in the 34th of that King, he would not suffer the King's bailiff or coroner to enter into it, having a coroner of his own; and in the following year, had a charter of free warren here, &c.

William de Raleigh, Bishop, made a park here, and a warren. In a composition made between him and *Hugh de Albini* Earl of *Arundel* and *Sussex*, about 1240, he granted to that Earl, (who was lord of the hundred of *Freebridge*, and of *Rising*) common of pasture, and to his men, (but without the liberty of taking any wood or fewel,) from the park of *Bawsey*, to the bridge of *Geywode*, and the causey betwixt the river of *Bawsey*, and the wood of the said Earl.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. the Bishop of *Norwich* was found to have the return of all writs, a gallows, assise of bread and beer, and other royalties; and in the 9th year of that King, he was presented on account of his water mill here, having drowned the high way, to the damage of the people passing by.

Henry Spencer Bishop of *Norwich* had license in the 11th of King *Richard* II. to embattle his palaces of *Geywode* and *North Elmham*.

It continued in the see of *Norwich*, till it was granted by an act of parliament, *February* 4, in the 27th year of *Henry* VIII. to the Crown, with other of the Bishop's manors and barony, by way of exchange for the abbey manors and lands belonging to St. *Bennet* of *Holm*.

[6] Regist. i Eccles. Norw. fol. 28, 36.

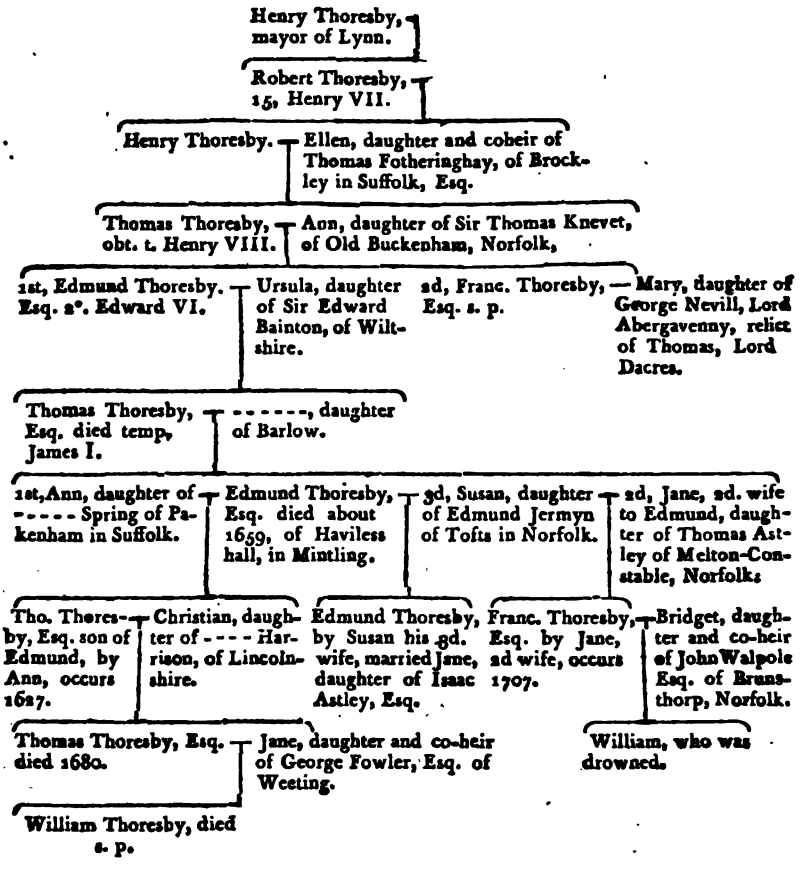
William Rugg, the last abbot there, being nominated Bishop of *Norwich*, this manor being thus in the Crown, it was conveyed away on *January* 1, in the 36th of King *Henry* VIII. under the great seal of *England*, having the King's mark at the top, and underneath signed by the Duke of *Norfolk*, Lord *Russell*, Lord *Rich*, *Richard Southwell* and *Walter*, officers of the court of augmentation, by way of exchange for other lands, to *Thomas*, Duke of *Norfolk*, for life without impeachment of waste; remainder to *Henry* Earl of *Surry*, his son and heir, and the lady *Frances* his wife, and theirs heirs, to be held, by the 20th part of a fee, and the rent of 4*l.* 18*s. per ann.* payable at St. *Michael*, into the court of augmentation.

Henry Earl of *Surry* was afterwards attainted in his father's life time, but on his death in the reign of Queen *Mary*, an act passed to confirm it to Sir *Thomas Howard*, Knt. son of *Henry*, late Earl of *Surry*, who being restored also to the dukedom, was beheaded in the 15th year of Queen *Elizabeth*, and it being again in the Crown, that Queen, in her 20th year, by letters patent, dated at *Hampton* court *January* 15, granted it, with the advowson and deameans, the manors of *East* and *West Rudham*, and the site of the priory of *Coxford* in *Norfolk*, (parts also of the late Duke's possessions) to *Edward* Earl of *Oxford*, who in her 22d year had license to convey this manor of *Gaywood*, with the advowson, to *John Pepys*, Gent. and he soon after sold it to *Thomas Thoresby* of *Haveless-hall*, in *Mintling*, Esq. in which family it continued, till sold by *Francis Thursby*, Esq. about 1697, to Sir *Cyril Wyche*, Knt. of *Hockwold-hall* in *Norfolk*, whose grandson, *Cyril Wyche*, Esq. is the present lord.

The family of the *Thoresbys* took their name from the town of *Thoresby* in *Lincolnshire*, in *Lindsey* division; *Jeffrey de Thoresby* and *Juliana* his wife levied a fine in the reign of *Edward* III. of the manor of *Iteynton* in that county, and *John de Thoresby*, son of *John*, son of the aforesaid *Jeffrey* and *Juliana*, died in the 20th of *Edward* IV.

Of this family, probably, was *John de Thoresby*, who was mayor of *Lynn*, in 1425, father (as I take it) of *Henry Thoresby*, who was alderman of *Trinity* guild in *Lynn*, in 1447, and mayor in 1458, &c.

THORESBY'S PEDIGREE.



In *July* 1697, *Francis Thoresby*, Esq. sold this manor to Sir *Cyril Wyche* of *Hockwold*, who was secretary of state in *Ireland*, in the reign of King *William* III. son of Sir *Peter Wyche* of *London*; Sir *Cyril* dying in 1707, his son, *Jermyn Wyche*, Esq. inherited it; who by *Mary* his wife, daughter and coheir of *John Hungerford*, Esq. left *Cyril Wyche*, Esq. his son and heir, the present lord; there is a fee-farm rent payable out of it, to the Crown, of 58*l.* 13*s*, 3½*d. q. per ann.*

Thoresby bore *argent*, a chevron between three lioncels, *sable*, -----, *Wyche*, *azure*, a pile *ermine*.

Sir *Cyril* had a grant in the 10th of *William* III. for two fairs in the year, in this town, on the 11th and 12th of *June*, and on the 6th and 7th of *October*, for cattle, and all merchandise.

The tax formerly (when tenths, &c. were paid) was, together with *Mintling*, 7*l. per ann.*

The temporalities of the priory of *Norwich* were in 1428, taxed at 2*l.* 13*s.* 7*d.* now in the dean and chapter of *Norwich.*

The temporalities of *Castleacre* priory at 20*s. per ann.* and those of *(de Monte Gaudij) Mountejoy* at 6*s.* 6*d.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Faith,* the Virgin and Martyr; it consists of a square steeple of brick, in which hang three bells, a nave, with north and south cross isles, covered with thatch.

It was anciently valued with the vicarage belonging to it, at 6 marks, and was not visited by the archdeacon, being a peculiar of the Bishop of *Norwich,* and in his patronage, and manor; the present value in the King's books is 5*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and the patronage has always gone with the lordship.

On a grave-stone with a brass plate in the chancel,

Here lyeth Tho. Hares, a man always peaceable, and religious, ever desirous of doing good, and to his power did it, he died a good old man, full of days and of faith, his soul is returned to God that gave it, and his body thus resteth in hope.

Qui fuit eternæ Christus mihi causa salutis,
Exuvijs rursus vestiet ossa meis.
Ejusdem reditu mihi vita, salusq; paratur,
Intacto tumulo molliter ossa cubent.

Vixit annos 84, *obijt Apr.* 13, 1617. *Tho. Hares, illius filius, et hujus ecclesiæ rector, deflevit.*

This rector set up against the north wall of the chancel two tables, one in memory of the *Spanish* Invasion in 1588, the other of the Popish Gunpowder Treason Plot, in 1605; this last was defaced in the reign of King *James* II.; under the first was inscribed,

Papa, Deo; Draco, Mendoza; Philippus, Elizæ;
Succubuit; Victrix Anglia, Victus Iber. 1588.

On another grave-stone with a brass plate,

The body of Tho. Hares, rector of this church 36 *years, wearied and wasted with constant pains in the ministry, resteth here in hopes to be reunited to his soul, that both may be united to Christ, their head in glory. Obt. Mar.* 7, *A. D.* 1684, *Ætatis suæ* 63.—*Anna, conjux charissima, a moris ergo posuit.*

On another,

Hoc marmor dicatum est memoriæ Mri. Robti. Carter, hujus ecclesiæ rectoris, qui obijt 29, *Septemb. A°. Salutis* 1664. *Ætatis suæ* 54.—*Memoria justi benedicta. Prov.* 10, *et* 7.

Here lie also several grave-stones

In memory of several children of Francis Thoresby, Esq. who died young.

One also thus inscribed,

Hic jacet Tho. Thurlin, S.T.P.S. Joh. coll. Cantabrigiæ præses, hujus ecclesiæ 50 *annos rector, vir pietate, doctrinâ, et animi candore*

inclytus, beneficij memor, injuriæ oblivionus, octogenarius obt. Aug. 11, 1714.—*He published a sermon preached at the episcopal visitation in King's Lynn, May* 10, 1686.—*The necessity of obedience to spiritual governours asserted.*

In the east window of the chancel are the arms of *Henry Spencer* Bishop of *Norwich*, in the time of *Richard* II. quarterly, *argent* and *gules*, in the 2d and 3d quarter a fret *or*, over all a bend, *gules*, in a bordure, *sable*, mitred of the 3d.

In a south window of the chancel, *argent*, a fess *gules*, between three eaglets displayed, *sable*—*Elingham* or *Elmham*; and in a window of the north cross isle are two shields much defaced, one seems to be the cypher or mark of a merchant, the other, *argent* on a chevron between three ----------, five bezants, and a chief *ermine*.

RECTORS.

1302, *John de Walsham*, collated by the Bishop, *pleno jure*.
William, occurs vicar 1309.
1335, *William de Lingwode*, (exchanged for *Hoxne* deanery) by the Bishop.
1351, *John de Shaftsbury*. *Ditto*.
1353, *John de Acre*, (exchanged for *South Elmham All-Saints*.) *Ditto*.
1368, *John de Acre*, of *Cokesford*, (exchanged for *Narburgh*,) *Ditto*.
1390, *Thomas Paynot*, *Ditto*.
1424, *Nicholas Hawys*. *Ditto*.
1424, *John Claydon*.
Geff. Adam.
1458, *John Clot*, (exchanged for *Snave* in *Kent*,) *Ditto*.
Henry Winchestre.
1470, *Thomas Fuller*, by the Bishop.
1506, *William Perryn*. *Ditto*.
1530, *Roger Holt*. *Ditto*.
1556, *William Hatch*, by *Thomas Steining*, Esq. and *Frances* Countess of *Surry*, his wife.
Richard Hemslaye.
1558, *Richard Webster*, by *Thomas*, &c.
1559, *Richard Marks*. *Ditto*.
Robert Hooks.
1577, *John Dynsdale*, by *William Dixe* and *William Cantrell*.
1578, *Bartholomew Mason*, by *Edward Vere* Earl of *Oxford*.
1586, *Richard Persivall*, by the assignees of *Thomas Thoresby*, Esq.
1598, *Thomas Hares*. *Ditto*.
1635, *John Lane*, by *Edmund Thursby*, Esq.
1649, *Robert Carter*. *Ditto*.
1664, *Thomas Thurlyn*, D. D. by *Fran. Thorisbie*, Esq.
1714, *Rowland Simpson*, by Mrs. *Mary Wyche*, widow.
1737, *Samuel Stedman*, A. M. by *Cyril Wyche*, Esq. rector of *Denver*, D. D. Archdeacon of *Norfolk*.

Bishop *Herbert* gave a portion of tithe in this church to the monks

of *Norwich*, and the dean and chapter are said to have a pension of 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* out of it in 1612.

William Beaufoe Bishop of *Thetford* held at the time of the survey in right of his see, the following lordships:—In *South Greenhou* hundred, *Cressingham Magna*;—in *Frebridge, Gaywode*;—in *Smethden, Thornham*;—in *South Greenhou, Tofts*;—in *Launditch, Elmham, Beteley*;—in *Brothercross, Colkirk*;—in *Galgou, Saxlingham*;—in *Holt, Thornage, Brunton, Hemstede* and *Beckham* a beruite, and *Swanton*;—in *North Greenhow, Hindringham, Warham, Wells, Egmere*;—in *Walesham, Hemlington*;—in *Eynesford, Hilderston, Norton, Geystwick, Geist, Helmingham*, and *Corpusty*;—in *Tunsted, Suffield*;—in *Deepwade, Stratton*, and other lands.

MINTLING.

Called in *Domesday Book, Meltinga*, was then the lordship of *William de Beaufoe* Bishop of *Thetford*, which he held in his own right, as a temporal fee, and not in right of his church, by the Conqueror's grant and expulsion of 15 freemen, who held here 40 acres of land; and 6 borderers had half a carucate valued at 30*s. per ann.*; his predecessor had the protection only of these, and *Stigand* had the soc.[6]—This Bishop on his death gave this and many other lordships to his church, and it continued in the see of *Norwich* till granted with *Gaywode* by King *Henry* VIII. to the Duke of *Norfolk*, and so came (as is there observed) to the *Thursbys*, and was sold by *Franc. Thursby*, Esq. to Sir *Cyril Wyche*, and *Cyril Wyche*, Esq. is the present lord.

Some conceive that it takes its name from a mint that the Bishops of *Norwich* had here for coining of money, a privilege which many great sees both in *England*, and beyond sea, were endowed with; but this is a mistake, it being so called long before the see at *Elmham, Thetford*, or *Norwich*, had any right or interest in it; *Mel* is to be met with in many towns, as, *Melford, Melburn, Melton*, &c. from *Mel*, a river, and *Ing*, a meadow; we find also a priory at *Minting* in *Lincolnshire*.

Herbert Bishop of *Norwich*, who succeeded *Beaufoe*, gave (as appears from a pleading in the 25th of *Henry* III.) to the prior of *Norwich* a carucate of land lying in *Geywode* and *Myntling*, which was *Hugh Claves*, and paid half a mark yearly to the Bishop,[7] and was then esteemed as a berewic or hamlet to *Geywode*; and there was a family who assumed their name from it; *Peter de Mentling* was a witness to a charter of *Eborard* Bishop of *Norwich*, in the reign of

[6] Terr. Willi. Ep. Tenfordensis, ejusdem de feudo——In Meltinga xv lib. hoes. xl. ac. tre. semp. dim. car. et vi bord. et val. xxx sol. de his habuit su, antec. comd. tantu. Stigand. soc.

[7] Plita. Cor. Reg. Rot. 23.

King *Stephen*, and probably held lands here of that prelate, or the church of *Norwich*.

William, son of *Richard*, gave to the monks of *Castleacre*, his land at *Agonalosa*, which they formerly held of him, with one *Rodulf*, to which deed, *Robert*, son of *William Milo Basset*, *Walter de Cheravilla*, *Rain. de Marham*, *Robert de Wibravilla*, &c. were witnesses.[8]

John, prior of *Norwich*, and all the convent, by deed, gave to the aforesaid monks, land at *Mintlinghe*, called *Oggesland*.

Henry, prior of *Castleacre*, gave to *William*, the prior of *Linn*, totam *Hagnelosam*, to be held for 24 years, at the yearly farm rent of 20*s*. and all their land in *Mintlingis*, which is held of the church of St. *Margaret* of *Linn*.

This deed is dated on the day after the feast of St. *Margaret* 1182; witnesses, *William de Merlai*, *Ralph*, the Bishop's chaplain, *Ralph* capellane, of *Acre*, Mr. *Walter de Canduc*, Mr. *Steph. de Binham*, Mr. *Roger de Norwic*, *William de Gernemue*, &c.—By *totam Hagnelosam*, no doubt, was meant what was afterwards called *Haveless* in *Mintling*, where the seat of the *Thorsbys* was; and the prior of *Lynn* was obliged to pay 20*s*. *per ann.* at *Castleacre*,[9] on the feast of *Easter*, and for default, a distrain might be made at *Haclose*, and *Mintling*.

In the 14th year of *Edward* I. mention is made of *William* and *Henry de Havelose* of *Mintling*.

Alice, formerly wife of *Gibert*, son of *Richard*, gave to the priory of *Castleacre*, all her land in *Mintlinges*, in exchange for 8 solidates of land, which they hold in her manor of *Socingam*, of the gift of *Ingelnulf de Sereres*; witnesses, *Hugh Francigena*, *Peter Scingham*, *William de Tunewaird*, *Aria. Parlett*, *Odo de Wella*, &c.

The Church is dedicated to St. *Michael*, and valued at 46*s*. 8*d*.

Bishop *Herbert* gave this church to the monks of *Norwich*, residing at *Lynn*, and it was appropriated by *John de Grey* Bishop of *Norwich*, about 1205, saving to himself and successours all episcopal and parochial rights.[1]

It is not visited by the archdeacon, being a manor of the Bishop, and paid no *Peter*-pence; it is now a donative or curacy, in the gift of *Cyril Wyche*, Esq. of *Hockwold-hall*, in *Norfolk*.

This town was assessed with *Geywode* to tenths and fifteenths, and paid together 7*l*. *per ann.*

Bishop *Beaufoe* had a grant from the Conqueror, of this town, *Sedgford* in *Smethden* hundred;—*Eccles* in *Shropham* hundred;—*Langham*, in *Holt* hundred;—*Gunton* and *Shipden*, in *North Erpingham* hundred;—*Walsham*, in *Walsham* hundred;—*Blofield* in *Blofield* hundred and *Plumstede*;—*Hemmesly*, in *West Flegg* hundred;—*Rockland*, in *Hensted* hundred;—*Mendham*, in *Earsham* hundred;—*North Langley*, in *Lothing* hundred;—*Helmingham* and *Thurning*, in *Eynford* hundred;—*Taverham* and *Attleburgh*, in *Taverham* hundred;—*Blickling*, *Berningham*, *East Beckham*, *Marsham*, and *Stratton*, in *South Erpingham* hundred;—*Horsey*, in *Happing* hundred;—*Scroutsby*, *Ormesby*, and *Thrigby*, in *East-Flegg* hundred;—*Stratton*, in *Depwade* hundred;—*Raveningham*, in *Clavering* hundred;—*Cressing-*

[8] Regist. Castleacre, fol. 75.
[9] Regist. Castleac. fol. 115.
[1] Reg. Pr. et Conv. Norw. 41.

Ham Magna, in *South Greenhow* hundred;—*Hunstanton*, in *Smethden* hundred;—*Stanford*, in *Grimshoe* hundred;—*Gateley*, in *Launditch* hundred;—*Colkirke*, in *Brothercross* hundred;—*Saxlingham* in *Gallow*;—*Sneterley*, *Burningham*, *Melton*, in *Holt* hundred;—*Hindringham* and *Thorp*, in *North Greenhow* hundred;—*Houghton*, *Berningham*, and *Beckham*, in *North Erpingham* hundred;—*Hemlington*, in *Walsham* hundred;—*Plumstede*, in *Berlingham*, *Frethorp*, and *Lecham*, *Bradston*, *Catun*, and *Bucham*, *Brundale*, and *Witton*, in *Blofield* hundred;—*Winterton*, *Somerton*, *Ashby Martham*, *Rollesby*, *Burgh*, *Bastwick*, *Hadesco*, *Billockby*, and *Clipsby* in *West Flegg* hundred;—*South Berlingham* and *Tivetshall* in *Henstede* hundred, and the lands of St. *Michael* in *Norwich*, and *Taverham*, in *Taverham* hundred.

All these lordships were granted to him, to be held by him in fee, in his own right.

GEYTON-WELL-HALL.

Near to *Geyton*, (and now included in *Geyton* town,) when the book of *Domesday* was made, was a town called *Welle*, from its watery site. *Stigand* Archbishop of *Canterbury* was lord of it in the reign of King *Edward*: 10 villains belonged to it, with 2 carucates of land, 6 borderers, with one servus, and 30 acres of meadow; there were then 2 carucates in demean, &c. and 2 among the tenants, 2 mills, 14 socmen held 28 acres, &c. valued then at 9*l.* at the survey at 10*l. per ann. Well* and *Geyton* together were one leuca and an half long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 16*d.* gelt, whoever held it.[a] In *Well* also were 5 furlongs of pasture in length, and 4 furlongs broad, valued and included in the account above.

Of this town or lordship, *Stigand* (who held it as a lay fee) was deprived by the Conqueror, who gave it to *William de Eschoies*, or *Scohies*, who possessed it but a short time, and gave it to the abbey of St. *Stephen's* at *Caen* in *Normandy*. The author of *Neustria Pia* calls him *William de Streis*, and gives us the foundation deed of the said abbey, by the Conqueror, wherein this grant is mentioned, and confirmed; and it appears that *William* Bishop of *Durham* was one of the witnesses to the King's grant; so that it was about the year 1081, when he was consecrated Bishop of that see.

The generality of historians are mistaken in supposing this *Welle* to be the town of *Welle*, by the sea-coast, in the hundred of *North Greenhow*.

On this grant, the abbey of *Caen* had a cell here. King *Richard* I. confirmed the aforesaid grant of *Wells*, with its appertenances in *Geyton*, that church and tithe, and many royal privileges, as King *Henry* II. had done, and *William* II.

In the 5th of *Henry* III. the abbot of St. *Stephen* gave a mark to have a *pone*, (that is a writ whereby a cause depending in an inferior

[a] Terr. S'ci. Steph. de Cadomo—— Wellam tenuit Stigand T. R. E. sep. x vill. et ii car. t're. et vi bor. et i ser. xxx ac. p'ti. tc. ii car. in d'nio. p. v bov. mo. ii car. hom. ii mol. huic man. jacent xiiii soc. de xxviii ac. t're. tc. i car. mo. v an. sep. vii por. tc. xv. ov. mo. lx. tc. et p. val. ix lib. mo. x.—— Wella et Gaituna ht. i leu. et dim. in long. et dim. in lat. et reddit xvid.

court is removed to a higher,) against *Hugh de Noiun*, on account of lands here; and in the following year, *Hugh* released to the abbot his right in lands, by fine, saving a right of common; in the 3d of *Edward* I. the abbot was found to hold this manor in pure alms, to have free warren, weyf and stray, assise of bread and beer, a gallows, &c.

The prior of this cell paid, in the 13th of *Edward* III. 34 marks *per ann.* to the King, for the farm of this priory, and that of *Panfield* in *Essex*, a cell also to St. *Stephen's* abbey, that King having seized on all the lands, &c. of the priory aliens, on account of his war with *France*; and on the 14th of *December*, in the 47th of that King, the custody of this priory, and that of *Paunfield*, was granted on the manucaption of *Robert Caly* of *Norfolk* and *Gyles de Wenlok* of *Shropshire*, to Sir *Hugh Fastolf*, with all their possessions, from the feast of St. *Michael* last past, to continue as long as the war with *France*, paying to the King 40*l. per ann.* and 10*l. per ann.* to a certain monk, there residing, all tenths due to the King, and performing all customary duties incumbent on the said priories, without waste, and keeping the houses, &c. in repair.

Before this, *Robert de Stokes*, prior of *Panfield*, farmed this and his own priory of King *Edward* II. at 75*l. per ann.*

King *Richard* II. in his 5th year, granted this priory and manor to Sir *John Devereaux*, and *Mary* his wife, and *Joan* their daughter, for their lives; and on the 25th of *June*, in the 3d of *Henry* V. *John Wodehouse*, Esq. (the renowned warrior) had a grant of it by the name of the priory, or house, of *Wells*, with the manor of *Wells*, to be held by the service of a rose, to be paid on *Midsummer* day; in 1421, he obtained license to appropriate the rectory which belonged to the priory, and was now vested in him, to the chantry priest of the *Holy Trinity*, and the 5 wounds of *Christ*, in the lower chapel of the charnel-house at *Norwich*, near to the cathedral church, wherein he was afterwards buried, which priest was to officiate there for his soul; the manor was at this time valued, at 23*l.* 10*s.* 2*d. per ann.*

Henry Wodehouse, Esq. conveyed the lordship by fine, to *Thomas Daniel*, Esq. in the 28th of *Henry* VI. with several messuages, 500 acres of land, 100 of meadow, 500 of pasture, 20 of wood, 200 of moor, and 10*l. per ann.* rent, in *Wells*, *Grimston*, *Congham*, &c.

After this, it was again in the Crown; and on *March* 10, King *Edward* IV. in his ninth year, gave the manor of *Well-hall-priory*, to the college or chapel of St. *Stephen*, at *Westminster*. On the Dissolution of that college, King *Edward* VI. on the 17th of *August*, in his 2d year, granted it to *Osbert Mundford*, and *Thomas Gawdy*, Gent. with lands in *Geyton*, *Grimston*, &c. and the advowson of the vicarage of *Geyton*.

Francis Mundford, son of *Osbert*, had livery of it in the 23d of *Elizabeth*; Sir *John Heveningham* purchased it of Sir *Edmund Mundeford*, in the 13th of *James* I. but this sale being resigned, Sir *Edmund* conveyed it, *February* 20, in the 16th of the said King, to *Henry Beck*, Gent. who died seized of it, *August* 21, 1638, and left by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of ——— *Bendishe*, Esq. *Jerome*, his son and heir, aged 17, &c. and *Anne Beck*, widow, presented in 1662.

Roger West, Esq. presented to the vicarage in 1694, as lord of

Well-hall, and in 1699; after this, ——— *Sharock*, Esq. was lord, and by his last will gave the patronage of the vicarage of *Geyton* to the see of *Norwich*; the Bishop of *Norwich* presented in 1707, 1740; Mr. *Sharrock* is the present lord.

PRIORS.

Herbert occurs prior of the cell of *Well*, in King *John's* time; and *Ralph* was prior about the same time. *R.* prior *ao.* 5 *Henry* V.

GEYTON.

William de Scohies beforementioned had a little lordship here at the survey, of one carucate of land, which *Ulvock* held of him; and *Tohill* possessed it in King *Edward's* reign; 7 borderers belonged to it, and 12 acres of meadow; there was one carucate in demean, half a carucate among the tenants, and was valued at 20*s. per ann.*[3]

The town takes its name from *Guy*, a *British* word, and occurs frequently for the name of rivers, or water.

It is probable, that soon after the survey, the said *William* granted it to the abbey of *Stephen's* abovementioned, with the church of *Geyton*, which was appropriated to the priory of *Well*, and the patronage of the vicarage was in the priory, as will appear.

William Earl *Warren* had a lordship, out of which 16 freemen had been ejected, who had 2 carucates of land, and 3 carucates held by eleven borderers, valued at 40*s.* and this he had by an exchange.

Ralph had under him one carucate of land, which *Alveva*, a free-woman, was possessed of in King *Edward's* time; 4 villains, 2 borderers, and one servus belonged to it; there was one carucate in demean, with 8 acres of meadow, one saltwork, and the moiety of another, and 3 freemen with the moiety of another, held under him, 60 acres and a carucate, with 3 acres of meadow, valued at 30*s.* which he held for a manor.[4]

Ralph was probably the ancestor of the family of *De Geyton*, lords of this fee. *Reginald*, son of *Edmund de Geyton*, was witness to a

[3] Terr. Willi. de Scohles.—Gaituna tenet Uluoc. i car. t're. qd. ten. Tohill. T. R. E. tc. vii bor. mo. vi xii ac. p'ti. sep. i car. in d'nio. tnc. et p. dim. car. hom. mo. ii et val. xx sol.

[4] T're. Willi. de Warrenna———In Gaituna xvi lib. hom. ii car. t're. et xi bord. semp. iii car. et val. xl sol. hoc ht. p. escangio.

In Gaituna ten Radulfus i car. terre qua' tenuit Alveva lib'a femina T. R. E. semp. iiii vill. et ii bord. et i serv. semp. i car in d'nio, et viii ac, p'ti. et i saliha et dim. et iii libi. ho'es et dim. lx ac. et i car. et iii ac. p'ti. et val. xxx sol. istud p. manerio.

deed of a tenement in *Ridon*, granted by *Robert*, son of *John de Byntre*, to the monks of *Castleacre*, *sans* date, and held part of a fee in the 18th of *Henry* III. and *John de Geyton* held half a fee here of Sir *Giles de Plays*, and he of the Earl *Warren*, in the reign of *Henry* III.

In the 17th of *Edward* II. *Richard le Plays* and his tenants held 3 fees in *Geyton*, *Wetyng*, *Feltwell*, &c. of the Earl *Warren*, of his castle of *Acre*; and *Gilbert de Say* held 5 fees here and in *Rudham*, and *Cokesford*; and *Rob. de Repps* a quarter of a fee in this town, *Congham*, and *Grimston*. Also in the said year, *Edmund de Geyton* was found to die seized of the fourth part of a fee.

In the 10th of that King, *William de Geyton*, son and heir of *Edmund*, who was son of *Stephen de Geyton*, gave to the King 25*s*. relief for 40 acres of land, the moiety of a messuage in *Geyton*, said to be held of the see of *Norwich*, then void, and in the King's hands; and in his 35th year, *Edmund* died (as appears by the escheat rolls) possessed of half a fee, held of the *Plays's*; and in the 42d of the said King, *John Lovedone*, chaplain, granted to *Hervy*, son of *Geffrey de Geyton*, lands here, by deed, dated on *Monday* before the feast of St. *Michael* the archangel, to which *John de Geyton*, &c. was witness.

In the 4th of *Henry* IV. *Henry Blomvile*, *William Walton*, and their tenants, held the fourth part of a fee of the Bishop of *Norwich*, and the Bishop of the heirs of Sir *John de Plaiz*, of the dutchy of *Lancaster*; and at the same time, *Henry de Geyton* and his tenants, held lands of the Bishop of *Norwich*, and the Bishop of the honour of *Dover*, as the inquisitions set forth; and in the reign of *Henry* VI. *Robert de Geyton* held half a knight's fee here, of the Earl of *Oxford's* honour or castle of *Heveningham* in *Essex*; and paid 3*s*. and 4*d*. *per ann.* for suit of court there, as parcel of *Plaiz's* fee; *Margaret*, daughter and heir of Sir *John de Plaiz*, married Sir *John Howard*, by whom she had *John Howard*, Knt. who left a daughter and heir, *Elizabeth*, married to *John Vere* Earl of *Oxford*.

After this, *John de Geyton* and his tenants held lands, &c. of the dutchy of *Lancaster*, late the Earl *Warren's* fee; and in the 20th of *Henry* VII *Edmund Geyton* held the manor of *East-Hall* in this town, *Bawsey*, *Ashwyken*, &c. with 150 acres of arable pasture and wood, and 10 acres of meadow, with 43*s*. rent, (and *Thomas* was found to be his son and heir,) held of the aforesaid dutchy.

In the 33d of *Henry* VIII. the manor of *Geyton*, alias *Egerton*, *Wykenhale*, *Brecham's* and *Person's*, with lands in *Geyton*, *Well*, *Glosthorp*, South *Wotton*, and *Gaywood*, were by fine conveyed from *Adam Foster*, and *Ann* his wife, and *Henry Castell*, to *Geffrey Cobb*, and *Mary* his wife, daughter of *Thomas Thoresby*, Esq.; this *Geffrey* made his will in 1544, which was proved on *December* 17, in the said year, orders his body to be buried in the church of St. *Nicholas* of *Geyton*, next to his feder;[s] bequeaths to *Mary* his wife all his manors and lands, &c. in the towns and fields of *Gayton*, *Alyswythorp*, *Eastwinch*, *Grimston*, *Wekyng*, and *Leyate*, during life, and after to *Thomas* his son and heir; gives legacies to his son *William*; and to his daughters *Ann*, and *Dowsabell*, 40*l*. each; calls *Thomas Baker* his brother-in-law.

[s] Regist. Hill, Norw. fol. 48, 189.

Thomas Cobb, son and heir of *Jeffrey*, had livery of the manor of *Gayton*, alias *Egerton*, with the appertenances, one messuage and a foldcourse, in *Gaytonthorp*, *Grimston*, and *East-Winch*, in the 6th of Queen *Elizabeth*, held of the said Queen, as of the castle of *Dover*; also the manors of *Wykenhale*, *Brecham's*, and *Person's*.

It appears by an inquisition taken 22d of *April*, in the first of *Edward* VI. at the castle of *Norwich*, that his father *Geffrey* died *May* 18, 1544, possessed of the same manors *Gayton*, and *Egerton*, held of *Dover* castle, paying 10*s*. rent *per ann*. *Wykenhale*, *Brecham*, and *Person's* manors, held of the manor of *Grimston*, paying 12*s*. *per ann*. and that *Tho*. his son and heir, was of the age of 5 years, by *Margaret* his wife, daughter of *Tho*. *Thursby*, Esq. and that *Ralph Gayton* was *Jeffrey's* great grandfather; this *Thomas* is said to die without issue; and *William Cobb* (his brother, as I take it,) had livery of the aforesaid manors, about the 22d of the said Queen.

Henry Beke, Gent. died *August* 21, 1638, seized of one messuage, 50 acres of land, and one of meadow, held in soccage of *Geffrey Cobb's* manor of *Egerton*, together with a mill; this part was held in 1730, by Mr. *Raven*, attorney, of *Burnham* in *Norfolk*, called *West-Hall*, and is in that family.

Of the *Cobbs* see in *Sandringham*.

CASTLEACRE PRIORY MANOR.

William, son of *Roger*, confirmed all the donations of his father, grandfather, and of *Walter* his uncle, to the monks of *Acra*; and himself gave to them eleven shillings and 4*d*. rent in land in *Geyton*:[6] witnesses, *Ketell* the priest, *William de Kemestun*, *Lambert* his brother, *Richard de Brislai*, *Roger de Holm*, *Humphrey*, *de Dunham*, *Roger de Wesenham*, &c. *sans* date.

Henry de Wicen, with the consent of *Christian* his wife, and *Lesquin* his mother, confirmed to them lands in *Geyton-Norhill*, with the boundaries between *Well* and *Geyton*, *sans* date.

Fulco de Suthacre, chaplain, gave to the said monks, the rent of half a pound of cumin *per ann*. to be received out of a tenement which *Eustachius de Basingham* held of him in *Geyton*; witnesses, *Eudo de Arsic*, then castellan of *Acre*, *Adam de Wigenhale*, &c. *sans* date.

Reginald de Geyton was witness to a deed of *William de Stutevile*, *sans* date, wherein he releases his right in lands in *Wendlyng*, and *Hyngesham*, to the said monks.

There was an agreement between the abbot and convent of St. *Stephen* of *Caen*, in *Normandy*, on one part, and the prior and convent of *Castleacre*, on the other, for all the tithes belonging to the fee of the Earl *Warren*, in the village of *Geyton*, which belonged to *Castleacre* priory; that the abbot of St. *Stephen's*, and his successours, should hold all the said tithes, paying 5 marks of good sterling *per ann*. and sealed with the seals of both convents; *sans* date.

Jordan, prior of *Acre*, remitted all claim and right for himself and convent, to the monks of *Caen*, in the manor called *Wella*, and in the church of *Geyton*, with the appertenances, for 10 marks given them

[6] Regist Castleac.

for damages; *sans* date; —— witnesses, *Godwin*, prior of *Westacre*, *Herebert*, prior of the manor, (that is of the manor or priory of *Wells*,) *Ralph*, the priest of *Geyton*, *Edmund de Geyton*, *William*, the priest of *Nereford*, *John de Nerburg*, &c.

In the 41st of *Henry* III. the prior of *Castleacre* sued the abbot of *Caen* for a messuage, 3 carucates of land, and 30 of wood, in *Geyton*, *Well*, *Grimston*, *Wyken*, *Lesiat*, and *Holt*; and in the 43d of that King, a fine was levied in the *octaves* of St. *Hillar*, whereby the advowson of the church of *Geyton* was granted by *John*, prior of *Castleacre*, to *Adam*, abbot of *Caen*, who was to pay for this to the prior, the rent of six marks *per ann.* and in default, the prior might distrain the goods and chattels of the abbot, in his manor of *Wells*, &c.[7]

And in the next year, a fine was levied between *John*, prior of *Castleacre*, and *Nicholas* abbot of *Caen*, of one messuage, 3 carucates of land, 30 acres of wood, (excepting 21 acres of land,) in *Well*, *Geyton*, *Grimston*, *Wyken*, *Lesiate*, *Holt* and *Thorp*, granted to the abbot and his church of *Caen*, saving to the prior of *Castleacre* his pension of 6 marks *per ann.* for *Geyton* advowson, and 5 marks pension, payable by the said abbot, to the prior, for certain tithes in *Geyton*, according to covenants between them.

In 1428, the temporalities of this priory, in *Geyton*, were valued at *4l. per ann.* and their spiritualities, being a portion in the said church, at 40*s.*

The prior of *Lewis* had also at the same time, temporalities here of the fee of the Earl *Warren*, valued *per ann.* at 44*s.* 4*d.*

WENDLING ABBOT'S MANOR.

The abbot of *Wendling* had a lordship. On the dissolution of the religious houses, it came to the Crown, and remained there some time; and was granted by Queen *Elizabeth*, on the 10th of *August* in her 13th year, to *Thomas Jennyns* and *Edward Forth*, Gent. by the name of *Geyton* manor, *alias Geyton Abbots*, with concealed lands belonging to it, in *Tilney*, *Islington*, *Clenchwarton*, *Walpole* and *Emneth*; and King *James* I. on *January* 9, in his 8th year, granted it for the sum of 26*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* with all the wood and underwood, valued at 3*l.* 16*s.* 9*d.* late the possessions of *Wendling* abbey, to Sir *Edmund Mundeford*, and he, on the 20th of *July*, in the 16th year of the said King, conveyed it to *Sampson Hopes*, clerk.

Another lordship in this town was granted, on the conquest, to *Hugh de Montfort*, and *Roger* held a carucate of land under *Hugh*. In the reign of the Confessor, *Bundo*, a freeman, was lord of it; it consisted of one carucate in demean, and 7 acres of meadow, and 6 borderers, and there was half a carucate among the tenants, the moiety of a mill, &c. valued at 45*s.* and was a beruite to *Bilney*.[8]

The *Belets* had soon after the Conquest, an interest in this town.

[7] Regist. Castleac. fol. iii. 6.

[8] Terr. Hug. de Monteforti. —— In Gaytuna, ten. Rogerus, i car. tre. qm. ten. Bundo, lib. ho. T.R.E. tc. vi bor. et m°. iii bor. et i s. et vii ac. ptl. sep, i car. in dnio et dim. car. hom. et dim. mol. tc. iii por. et m°. sep. LX ov. et val. XLV. hoc est s. beruuita in Bilenei,

Hervey Belet gave lands here, &c. to *Coxford* priory in the reign of King *John*.

Sir *William Belet* was lord in the 38th of King *Henry* III. when he had a grant of free-warren, of a fair, and a weekly mercate at *Geyton*.[a]

The *Belets* were a family of great honour and account in this county: *Michael Belet* was one of King *Henry* the Second's judges; *Hervey Belet* gave to the priory of *Coxford*, the manor of *Rudham* in *Norfolk*.

King *John*'s patent to *Michael Belet* clears up the pedigree of this family, wherein he gives to Master *Michael Beleth*, son of *Michael Beleth* and his heirs, the office of being his butler or cupbearer, (*officium de pinc' vora n'ra,*) with all the rights belonging to it, to be held of the King and his heirs, freely, quietly, wholly, and honourably, as *Michael*, father of the aforesaid Master *Michael*, &c. held it; and that King further grants and confirms to the said Master *Michael* and his heirs, all the lands which his grandfather, *Hervey Belet*, held, to whatsoever fee belonging; dated at *Merleburg*, the 28th of *December*, in the 7th year of his reign, under the hand of *Hugh de Wells*, archdeacon of *Wells*: witnesses, *John* Bishop of *Norwich*, *H.* Bishop of *Salisbury*, *G. Fitz Piers* Earl of *Essex*, *William Mareschall* Earl of *Pembroke*, *Robert Turnham*, *William Briwer*, *Peter de Stoke*, *Geff. de Lucy*.

King *Henry* the Second's patent to *Michael Beleth*, the father, for a fair at *Rudham*, was dated at this town of *Geyton*, (*apud Gaytington,*) to which *Robert de Lucy*, the chief justice of *England*, was witness. *Hervey* was also son of this *Michael*, and brother to Master *Michael Belet*, as appears from his grant and deed of the manor of *Rudham*, to the prior of *Cokesford*, for the health of his soul and that of the Lady *Emma de Kaynete*, his mother, (*Cheyney,*) and with the liberties, &c. which *Michael Beleth*, his brother, obtained from the illustrious King *John*; witnesses, *John de Wrotheted*, *William de Gymingham*, *Matthew de Grimston*, *Roger de Hales*, &c. *sans date*, and *William Geyton* held, in the 12th of *Henry* III. the 4th part of a fee of the King, of the honour of *Dover*, and paid relief 25*s*.

Sir *William Belet*, *alias Bigot*, lord of this manor, was King *Henry* the Third's valet: he married *Margaret*, daughter and heir of Sir *Walter de Markam*, lord of *Markam*, who brought him that manor, and this of *Geyton*.

Ermelina, daughter of *Hugh de Montfort*, a descendant from that *Hugh*, who was capital lord of this town, and of *Markam* at the survey, widow of *Osbert* the mareschal of *Robert de Vere*, senior, constable to King *Henry* II. (being married to *Mark de Markam*, ancestor of Sir *Walter*,) bringing it into that family.

Sir *William Belet* was not the son of Master *Michael Belet*, or of *Hervey*, but son of *Ralph Belet*, or *Bigot*. In the 3d of *Edward* I. the said Sir *William* was found to hold the manor of *Alfreton-hall* in *Dunmow-Magna*, *Essex*, of *Ralph Bigot*, his brother, son of *Ralph*, son of *Bartholomew*; to this Sir *William*, King *Henry* III. *A°.* 38. granted a weekly mercate here, on *Wednesday*, and a fair for three days, on the vigil, day, and day after St. *George*.

[a] Rot. Vascon. 38 Hen. VIII. p. 2. n. 79.

Sir *William Belet*, in the 18th of *Edward* I. &c. sued *William Rackhith* and seven others, for breaking down his pillory in his manor of *Geyton*, where King *Henry* III. had granted him a weekly mercate on *Wednesday*, and a fair for three days in the year, &c.

His lady *Margaret* outlived him, and died in the 1st of *Edward* II. he bore *argent*, on a chief *gules*, two crescents *or*, as appears from an old roll that I have seen. On the death of the Lady *Margaret*, Sir *Ralph Belet, alias Bigot*, was found to be her son and heir, by Sir *William*, aged 50, and died in the 9th of the said King, and *Walter Bygot* was found to be his son and heir, aged 23.

Sir *Ingelram de Belet* had also an interest in lands, tenements, and a mercate in this town, as appears from the escheat rolls in the 6th of *Edward* II. when *Robert* was found to be his son and heir, who proved his age in the 12th of *Edward* II. and in the 16th of that King died. This Sir *Ingelram* was knighted by bathing together with Prince *Edward*, in the reign of King *Edward* I. and was son (as I take it) either of *Hervey* or *Michael* abovementioned, sons of *Michael*. His arms differed somewhat from Sir *William Belet's* abovementioned, as appears from an old roll (made in his life time) of the manor of *Marham*, being *argent* on a chief *gules*, two cinquefoils, *or*. —See in *Marham*.

John de Denham and *Maud* his wife sold it, *A°*. 42 of *Edward* III. to *Richer de Wichingham*, son of Sir *William Wychingham*, the judge, with the mercate, &c.

The *Belets* appear to have held it of the honour of *Hagenet* or *Haughley*, and the *Geytons* to have held part of it of them.—See in *Beacham Well*.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. *John de Geyton* and others held lands formerly *Hugh's*, rector of the church of *Bilney*, by the 4th part of a fee, of the honour of *Hagenet*, and for which, the inquisition says *Richard de Belhouse* paid relief in the time of King *Edward* II. After this, in the 42d of the said King, a fine was levied between *John de Denham*, and *Maud* his wife, deforciants, *Peter*, parson of *Honeweton*, *Richer*, son of *William de Wichingham*, querents, of a messuage, 140 acres of land, 7 of meadow, and 8*s*. rent *per ann.* in *Geyton*, *Grimeston* and *Marham*, and the mercate of *Geyton*, with *William Newman* of *Marham*, their villain, and progeny, conveyed to *Richer* and his heirs; and *Thomas Shouldham*, Esq. by his deed dated on *Thursday* before the feast of St. *Matthew* the Apostle, in the 33d of *Henry* VI. released all his right in this town, that of *Congham* and *Grimston*, which belonged formerly to Sir *Richard Belhouse*, Knt. to *William Bozoun*, Esq. and was part of the manor of West *Bilney*.

This seems to have been in the family of the *Longs*. Mr. *Long* of *Bury*, lord about 1700; after this Mr. *Jacomb*, where it now continues.

Hermerus de Ferrariis had seized on 60 acres of land in this town, out of which he had expelled a freeman, and *Bordin* held it at the survey, of *Hermerus*; 2 borderers belonged to it with 6 acres of meadow and half a carucate, valued at 3*s*. *Stigand* had the royalty or soc; and the protection only belonged to the freeman.[1]

[1] Invasio Hermeri de Ferrariis in Gaituna, lib. ho. LX ac. qd. tenet Bordin, ii bor. vi ac. pti. dim. car. val. iii sol. et in hoc n'. comd. Stigand. soca.

This seems to have been joined by *Hermerus* to his manor in *Grimston*: see there.

COKESFORD PRIORY.

In 1233, the prior was taxed for lands held here, on the marriage of King *Henry* the Third's sister to the Emperor of *Germany*; their temporalities in 1428, were valued at 40*s*. *per ann*. and was probably a benefaction of the family of the *Belets*.

WESTACRE-PRIORY MANOR.

RALPH DE TONY, lord of *Westacre*, had at the survey possessions here, 60 acres of land, 3 socmen, and one borderer, 3 acres of meadow, and one carucate of pasture, which was valued with his great lordship of *Necton*, and this town of *Geyton*, is there wrote and called in *Domesday Book*, *Keton*.[2]

The said *Ralph* probably gave it to this priory on his founding of it; in 1428, their temporalities were valued at 22*s*. 8*d*. *ob*. *per ann*.

The tenths of this town were 15*l*.—Deducted 2*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. for the lands of the religious.

The CHURCH of *Geyton* is dedicated to St. *Nicholas*, and was a rectory valued at 24 marks *per ann*. and paid *Peter*-pence 12*d*. being appropriated to the priory of *Wells*, a vicarage was founded, valued at 5 marks and an half, and the prior of *Castleacre* had a portion of tithe valued at 40*s*. *per ann*. *William*, the 2d Earl *Warren* and *Surry*, who lived in the reign of King *Henry* I. gave 2 parts of his tithe in this town for the health of his own soul and that of *Isabel* his wife;[3] the Earl *Warren* had also an interest in, if not a right of the advowson of this church.

In the 41st of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *John Fitz Bernard*, and *Adam*, abbot of St. *Stephen's* of *Caen*, whereby the advowson of this church was granted to the abbot, and the *Bernards* held lands of the Earl *Warren*; and in the 43d of that King, *John*, the prior of *Castleacre*, conveyed by fine to the aforesaid abbot, the advowson, and the abbot granted to *John*, to pay him 6 marks of silver *per ann*. at *Castleacre*, with a clause of distress in the said abbot's manor of *Paunfield* in *Essex*; and that as often as the prior should send his esquire to make the distress at *Paunfield*, the abbot should find him, his horse, and his boy, and pay all charges and expences as long as they staid there about the distress, till they paid the esquire.

The church is a regular pile, has a nave, a north and south isle covered with lead, and a four-square tower with 3 bells; the chancel is covered with tiles.

On a gravestone in the nave,

[2] Terr. Radulfi de Toenio.——In iii ac. pti. i car. et e. in p'tio. de Ketuna, iii soc. LX ac. tre. et i bor. et Nachetuna.

[3] Reg. Castleacre, fol. 4.

Here lyeth William Tyler, of Geyton, Esq; who died the 15, of Sept. 1657, in the 53, year of his age.

Est
Hic Tumulus

Index { *Chari Cineris* / *Mortis* / *Viri* } *Illu*

Non { *Animi* / *Vitæ Historiæ* / *Virtutis* } *Hæc*

{ *Saxum et* / *Pagina Marmorea* }

Ostendunt { *Cælum, et* / *Liber Vitæ* }

Cætera Piget non Dici
Seu velis { *Imitari,* / *Carpere.* }

Nam
Vixit Bene
Lit { *e* / *u* } *Ris*
Major.
Posuit ejus Uxor Maria.

Here lyeth the body of John Wood, Mr. of Arts, chaplain to the Right Honorable Henry, Earl of Dover, and a gospel-preacher, and Sarah his wife: he departed this life June, 23, 1617, of the age 67.

On the stone his arms, - - - - - -, a bull passant.

VICARS.

Hugh occurs rector in the reign of *Henry* III. so that it seems not to be appropriated till about the end of that King's reign.—The present valor of the vicarage is 8*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is discharged.

In 1318, *John cum Barba* (with the beard) was instituted vicar, presented by the prior of *Welles*.

1326, *John Helewys*, by the King, the temporalities of the abbey of *Caen* being in his hands.

1331, *Walter de Halsteds*, by the prior of *Welles*.

1393, *William Coke*, by *John Brandon*, citizen of *London*.

1398, *Robert Flode*, by *ditto*.

1401, *William Clark*. *Ditto*.

1402, *John Wythe*. *Ditto*.

1410, *William Lambe*, by *John Wodehouse*, Esq.

1419, *Richard Papy* was instituted, on an exchange with *William Hawconshaw*, late vicar, for the church of *Hardewyk*, presented by *John Wodehouse*.

1424, *Ralph Prytt*. *Ditto*.

1436, *Peter Knout*, by *John Sparham*, perpetual chaplain of the charnell-house, of the *Holy Trinity*, and five wounds of *Christ*, founded by *John Wodehouse*, Esq. (in the inferior chapel of the charnel-

house of St. *John* the *Evangelist*, by the cathedral of *Norwich*, to which chaplain this rectory was appropriated and the patronage of the vicarage.

1476, *Henry Chamber*, by the dean and chapter of St. *Stephen's*, *Westminster*.
1486, *John Coventre*. *Ditto*.
1498, *Thomas Stagge*. *Ditto*.
1520, *William Pigot*. *Ditto*.
1524, *John Rees*. *Ditto*.
1528, *Amb. Tesdale*. *Ditto*.
1532, *William Buswell*. *Ditto*.
1546, *William Cross*. *Ditto*.
1561, *Thomas Brook*, by *Osbert Mundeford*, Esq.
John Hooks, vicar.
1573, *John Longe*. *Ditto*.
1584, *Richard Percivall*, by *Fr. Mundeford* of *Feltwell* Esq.
1589, *John Long*. *Ditto*.
1593, *George Leland*, by *Edmund Mundeford*, Esq.
1604, *Ambrose Fiske*. *Ditto*.
1614, *John Williamson*, by Sir *Edmund Mundeford*, Knt.
1628, *John Wood*, by *Henry Beck* of *Castleacre*, Gent.
John Brookbank, occurs vicar in 1662, he was presented by *Ann Beck*, widow.
1694, *Robert Cotton*, by *Roger West*, Esq.
1699, *John Fowle*. *Ditto*.
1705, *Charles Buck*, by the Queen, a lapse.
1707, *Charles Buck*, by the Bishop of *Norwich*, the advowson of this vicarage being granted by the will of *Sharrock*, Esq. to the see of *Norwich*.
1721, *George Hardy*, by the Bishop of *Norwich*.
1740, *James Heath*. *Ditto*.

GEYTON-THORP.

Roger Bigot, ancestor to the Earls of *Norfolk* of that name, had 80 acres of land, which a freeman held in King *Edward's* reign, and *Robert de Vaux* held it under *Roger*; 6 villains, and as many borderers belonged to it, with a carucate and 3 acres of meadow in demean; and there was half a carucate among the tenants, and a freeman held formerly 20 acres, valued at 12*d*. at the survey.[4]

William de Hastings, son of *Hugh*, (son of *Will.* who assumed the name of *Hastings*, from the *Port* of *Hastings*, in *Sussex*, the lastage

[4] Terra Rogeri Bigoti.——In Torp, LXXX ac. tenuit lib. ho. T. R. E. m°. ide. R. sep. vi vill vi bord. iii ac. pti. i car. in dnio. dim. car. ho'um.—In'ead. lib. ho. XX ac. val. XIId.

of which, with the port of *Rye*, the family farmed of the Crown,) had this lordship by the marriage of *Margery*, daughter of *Roger Bigod* Earl of *Norfolk*, and was steward to King *Henry* II.; he had by the said *Margery*, *William* his son and heir, Sir *Thomas de Hastings*, a descendant from him, gave to the abbey of *West-Derham*, in *Norfolk*, a moiety of the advowson of this church, in 1227, which was appropriated to the said abbey.

Sir *Nicholas de Hastyngs*, in 1249, granted by fine, to *Simon*, prior of *Pentney*, a messuage, and 2 carucates of land in this town, and *East Winch*, to be held of his manor of *Gissing*, in *Norfolk*, by the service of one fee, and a pair of gilt spurs, or 7*d*. in money, payable at *Easter*. And in 1382, it appears that there was due to the lord of *Gissing* 100*s*. relief, on the resignation of the said priory, by *Peter Byshop*, for his manor here and in *East-Winch*.

It seems also that some part of this lorpship of *Bigot* and of *Hastings*, was held of the family of *De Vaux*; Sir *John de Vaux* being found to hold lands in *capite* here, on his death in the 16th of *Edward* I. which probably came after to that priory.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. the prior was found to hold one fee of *Ralph de Hastings*; and in 1428, the temporalities were valued at *5l.* 19*s.* 9*d. per ann.*

At the Dissolution it was granted to *Thomas Mildmay*, Esq. *February* 26, *ao.* 4th *Edward* VI. and after came to *Edward Barkham*, Bart. and by the marriage of the heiress, to the *Yallops*.

Under the title of invasion, (by which we are to understand seizures on lands at the conquest, made by the arbitrary power of some *Normans*,) we find that *Hermerus de Ferrariis* had one carucate of land, out of which he had expelled *Turchill*, a freeman, to which there belonged 9 villains, and 8 borderers, with one carucate in demean, one among the tenants, 6 acres of meadow, and the fourth part of a fishery, valued at 20*s*. *Stigand* had the soc, and *Turchill* was only under his commendation or protection. The moiety of a church belonged to it, endowed with 30 acres, valued at 12*s*.[5]

Hermerus was ancestor of the Lords *Bardolf*, Barons of *Wirmegey*, in *Norfolk*; and in the reign of *Henry* III. *Nicholas Norman* was found to hold, here and in *Grimston*, the fourth part of a fee of *William* Lord *Bardolf*; after this, it was held of the said lords by the *Thorps*; and in the 16th of *Edward* II. Sir *John de Thorp*, and *Alice* his wife, conveyed it to the prior of *Pentney*, by fine, at *York*, by the name of *Aileswisthorp* (that is, *Thorp* by the water) manor, on the *Octaves* of St. *Martin*, before *William de Bereford*, *John de Mutford*, *William de Herle*, *John de Stonere*, and *John de Wausser*, the King's justices, with a messuage, 100 acres of land, 4 of pasture, in this town, *Geyton*, &c. and the advowson of the moiety of this church, the prior covenanting that the said *John* and *Alice*, should hold it of him for their lives, paying one rose yearly on the feast of St. *John* Baptist; after their decease to revert to the said prior and his successours, to be held of the capital lords of the fee, the Lord *Bardolf*, who confirmed the said grant.

[5] Invasio Hermeri de Ferraijs---In Torp, i car. t're qd. tenuit T'chill. lib. ho sep. ix vill. viii bor. i car. in d'nio. i car. hom. vi ac. p'ti et iiiita pars pisc. val. xx sol. et in hoc. com'd tantu'. et Stigand. soca'. dim. Ecclia xxx ac. val. xii sol.

In the 20th of *Edward* III. and in the 3d of *Henry* IV. the prior held it by half a fee of the Lords *Bardolf*; and in the 5th of *Henry* VI. of *Thomas Beaufort* Duke of *Exeter*, as capital lord.

On the dissolution of the priory, it was granted to *Thomas Mildmay*, Esq. and so came to the *Barkhams*, and by marriage to *Spilman*, as in *Westacre*.

In 1761, it was conveyed to *Philip Case*, Esq. of *Lynn*, by *Edward Spilman*, Esq.

Odo Bishop of *Baieux* in *France*, the Conqueror's half brother, had also a lordship in this town, of which 2 freemen were deprived, with 60 acres of land, held by one villain, and one borderer, and one carucate and an acre of meadow, valued at 6*s.* and 8*d.*[a].

One of these freemen was under the protection of the ancestor or predecessor of *Roger Bigot*, and the whole belonged to, and was part of, *Nestesham* or *Snetesham*. All *Thorp* was 8 furlongs long, and 4 broad, and paid 8*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.

By the predecessor of *Roger Bigot*, we are to understand *Stigand*, the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, whose great lordship of *Snetesham*, with many others belonging to him, being lay fees, were taken from him; and this, with *Snetesham*, &c. were given by the Conqueror, to his brother *Odo*. On his rebellion against King *William* II. (his nephew) and taking part with *Robert*, his nephew, Duke of *Normandy*, (the Conqueror's eldest son) he was deprived of it; and King *Henry* I. granted it (as it is said) to *Robert*, son of *Ernisius*.

Eudo, son of *Ernisius*, wa slord of it, but *Robert* his son rebelling against King *John*, he granted it to *Jeffrey Fitz Piers* Earl of *Essex*, on condition, that if *Robert* should submit to the King, then he would give *Jeffrey* some other lands, of like value, as appears by the patent, dated in the 18th of that King, and may be seen in *Massingham Magna*.

Afterwards it came to the *Thorps*, and from them, as I take it, to the prior of *Pentney*; so to *Mildmay*, *Barkham*, *Spilman*, and *Case*.

The tenths were 2*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* deducted 6*s.* 8*d.*

The church of *Geyton Thorp* is dedicated to St. *Mary*, and is a single ancient pile, covered with lead, has a round tower at the west end, (with two bells,) and is covered with a cap.

In the chancel lies a gravestone with a brass plate,

Orate p. a'i'a. Johans. Gynne, quo'da' rectoris istius ecclie qui obt. XVIII *die mens. Maij Ao. Dni Millo.* C.C.C.C. LXXXIX *cuj. &c.*

On another, with the arms of *Wall*, *argent*, on a cross *sable*, five lioncels, rampant, *or*, impaling *Barkham*,

In spe beatæ resurrectionis, hic jacet Lucia relicta Francisci Wall, armigeri, filia Edvardi Barkham, de Tottenham High Cross, in comit. Middlesexiæ, militis, et baronetti, quæ obt. 30 die Junij, Ao. Dni. 1681.

——— *Fiducia christianorum, resurrectie. mortuorum. Tertull.*

Also on one,

[a] Terr Epi. Baiocensis——In Torp ii libi. ho'es T. R. E. lx ac. t're. semp. i vill. et i bord. et i ac. p'ti. semp. i car. et val. vi sol. et viiid. un. ex h. ho'ib; fuit com'dat. tantu' antecessori Rog. Bigot hoc totu jacet in Nesteshame totu' Torp viii quar. in long. et iiii in lat. et reddit viiid. de xx sol. de gelto.

Here lieth the body of Judith Swift, daughter of Dr. Beckham, who departed this life 1st of January, 1718, aged 42 years.

In charissimorum parentum memoriam Edvardus Beckham filius mœrens, D. C. —— H. S. E. Edw. Beckham, S. T. P ecclesiarum de Gayton Thorp, et de South Pickenham, rector, qui obt. Apr. die 1°. ao. etatis 76, Dni. M. D. CCXIV. Juxta positæ sunt exuviæ Janæ conjugis dicti Edwardi dilectissimæ, quæ obt. die post maritum quarto Ao. etatis LIX.

In the east window are the arms of *Vaux*, checque, *or* and *gules*.

Here were 2 medieties in this church, one given to *West Derham* abbey, in 1227, by Sir *Thomas Hastings*, and was appropriated to that abbey, valued at 6 marks *per ann.* the other moiety was not appropiated, but the presentation to it was granted to *Pentney* abbey, by Sir *John de Thorp* and *Alice* his wife, in the 16th of *Edward* II. valued also at 6 marks, and remains a rectory at this time; one of these medieties was called *Philip's* portion. *Peter*-pence 8*d*. This rectory or mediety is now valued at 6*l*.

RECTORS.

1310, *William King* instituted rector presented by Sir *John de Thorp*, and *Alice* his wife.
1325, *William de Ayshewellthorp*, by the prior of *Pentney*.
1327, *Robert de Goderston*. *Ditto*.
1329, *William Oky*. *Ditto*.
1338, *Martin de Saudringham*. *Ditto*.
1345, *Peter de Attlebrigge*. *Ditto*.
1348, *Nicholas Jervoys*, by Sir *John de Segrave* Lord *Folketon*. *John Baron*.
1397, *Henry Crane*, by the prior.
1400, *Simon de Fincham*. *Ditto*.
1406, *Thomas de Wyscbeche*, canon of *Pentney*. *Ditto*.
1427, *Richard Esthrek*. *Ditto*.
1432, *Greg. Hecham*. *Ditto*.
1454, *John Geyney*. *Ditto*.
1489, *Henry Tayler*. *Ditto*.
Henry Herrison, rector.
1505, *James Lilborne*. *Ditto*.
1540, *John Chandeler*, by *John Dethick*, Gent. of the prior.
1558, *James Fletcher*, by *John Mildmay*, Esq.
1559, *Reginald Fawcett*, by *ditto*.
1570, *William Dickens*, by Sir *Thomas Mildmay*.
1599, *Peter Smith*, by *John Gedney*, *hac vice*.
1643, *John Field*, by Sir *Edward Barkham*, Bart.
1662, *Edward Beckham*, D. D. by *ditto*.
1714, *Richard Courtman*, by *Samuel Tayler*, Esq.
1722, *Samuel Asplin*, by *John Holworthy*, Esq.
1737, *Richard Money*, on *Asplin's* death, by *Hugh Nash*, Esq.
1755, *George William Leman*, by *Edward Spilman*, Esq.

The abbot of *West Derham's* temporalities in this town were valued at 3*s.* in 1428, the prior of *Pentney's* at 3*l.* 19*s.* 3*d.*

The prior of *Westaere's* at 4*l.* 4*s.* 7*d.* this was for his lordship in *Grimston*, which extended into this.

GRIMSTON.

BRECCLES MANOR.

THE capital manor in this town was held by *Stigand* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, (as a temporal fee,) in the reign of the Confessor; but the Conqueror deprived him of it, and gave it to his half brother, *Odo* Bishop of *Baieux*, in *Normandy*, and created by him Earl of *Kent*;[7] this *Odo* held it at the survey, but being in arms against King *William* II. and taking part with *Robert* Duke of *Normandy*, the Conqueror's eldest son, in his claim to the crown of *England*, against his brother, King *William* II. he was deprived of this, and all his other estates in *England*; and this lordship was granted by that King, to *William de Albini*, ancestor to the Earls of *Sussex* and *Arundel*, as I have observed at large in *Rysing*.—In *Stigand's* time there were 3 carucates of land, held by 16 villains, afterwards 8 villains, always 13 borderers, one servus, and 28 acres of meadow, in *Stigand's* time, 2 carucates in demean, afterwards one, then one carucate among the tenants, afterwards half a one, and 3 mills, &c. always 60 sheep; there belonged to it 14 socmen, who had one carucate; it was valued at 5*l. per ann.* and at the survey at 7*l.*; the whole was one leuca and an half long, and broad, and paid 2 shillings, in a 20*s.* gelt.[8]

This lordship was held soon after the Conquest, by a family who took their name on their being enfeoft herein; *Godfrey de Gimston* (probably lord) was a witness to a deed, *sans* date, of *Richard Aguillon*, and *Ela* his wife, to the monks of *Castleacre*.

In the 34th of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *Peter de Kailli*, and *Mary* his wife, *Ralph*, son of *Simon le Counte*, and *Joan* his wife, of the moiety of 232 acres of land in this town, *Rudham*, *Titleshall*, &c. claimed by *Peter* and *Mary*, of the inheritance of *Roger de Grimston*, father of the said *Mary* and *Joan*, by *Alice* his wife, deceased, whose heirs they were;[9] which was then divided between them.

In the 27th of *Henry* III. *Thomas de Grimston* held 2 fees of the

[7] Justiciary also of England, and viceroy.

[8] Terre Epi Baiocensi—Grimestuna ten. Stigand T. R. E. iii car. t're. tnc. xvi villi. p. et mo. viii semp. xiii bord. tnc. i serv. xxviii acr. pti ii car in d'nio. p. et mo. i tnc. i car. ho'um. p. et mo. dim. et iii mol. semp. i'r. tnc. iii an. mo. iiii sep. lx ov. hic jacent xiiii soc. ii car. t're. semp. i car. tnc. et p. val. c sol. mo. vii lib. tota Grimestuna l t. ii leug. et dim. in et long. in lat. et redd tiii sol. de xx sol. de gelto.

[9] Lig. 5. N. 1 08.

honour of *Rysing*, which were assigned to *Isabel*, widow of *Hugh* Earl of *Arundel*, for her life; this *Thomas* was married, but died without issue;[1] and on the death of *Agnes* his widow, *Alice* or *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Godfrey de Grimston*, his brother, was his heir; she married *John de Breccles*, who in her right was lord, in the 16th of *Edward* I. and from him the manor took its name.

In the 17th of *Edward* I. it was adjudged that *Robert de Tateshal*, (who married one of the sisters and heirs to *Hugh* Earl of *Albiney*,) should have the men and residents of this town come to his hundred court of *Freebridge*; but *John de Breccles*, and *Alice* his wife, pleaded that they ought to come to his court lete. He was succeeded by *Benedict de Breccles*, his son and heir.

Though this title (abovementioned) to this lordship is warranted by authentick records, yet *Benedict de Breccles* derived his right and pedigree very different from this, as appears from an old parchment, wrote in his own time, in *Latin*, and *sans* date, called a Memorandum of the names of the ancestors of *John Benedict de Brecclis*; viz.

Thomas son of *Godfrey*, son of *Aldric* a *Frenchman*, to whom *William* Earl of *Sussex* gave *Grymeston*, *Brunham*, (*Burnham*,) *Breccles*, &c. after whose death (*Thomas's*) *Peter* succeeded, his son and heir, and a knight;—after Sir *Peter*; *Thomas* his son and heir, a knight;—then Sir *Peter* his son and heir, after him;—Sir *Thomas*, his son and heir;—*Thomas* his son and heir succeeded, who died without issue;—and *Christian* was his sister and heir, who dying without issue, *Peter* her uncle was her heir,—which *Peter* was brother to Sir *Thomas*, father of *Thomas* and *Christian*;—which *Peter* dying without issue, *Bartholomew* his brother was his heir;—he had *Alice* his daughter and heir; and from the said *Alice*, the right descends to *Benedict*, her son and heir, now living.

It is to be observed, that great confusion often arises in pedigrees, &c. from one and the same family's, and often one and the same person's, taking different names from the different towns, that they (or he) were lords of. An instance of this we have in this family, who were called sometimes *De Grimston*, and sometimes *de Breccles*, of both which towns they were lords; and this Sir *Benedict* dying lord of both these towns, in the reign of King *Edward* II. was succeeded therein by *John de Breccles*, his son and heir, who in the 9th of that King appears to be lord; and in the 14th of *Edward* III. *John de Breccles* was a witness to a deed.

In the time of Sir *Benedict* abovementioned, we have this account of his lordship, from an old parchment roll: *Benedict de Breccles* holds in *capite* of the Earl of *Arundel*, the manor of *Grimeston*, with the advowson of the church, and the manor of *Brunham*, with the advowson of a moiety of the church of St. *Mary*, of *Brunham Westgate*, and the manor of *Little Breccles*, by the service of 2 knights fees, by the deed of *William* Earl of *Arundel*; and he hath the manor of *Grimston*, by the church, with several pieces of land thereto belonging, together with a moor, called *Derby moor*, a heath and 2 watermills; and there belongs to the said manor weif and strays,

[1] Esch. 16 Ed. I.

found within the precincts of *Grimeston*; a bull, and a lete of all his tenants, to be held in the said manor, by the King's bailiff, without any profit to be carried off; and the bailiff of the said *Benedict* shall bring all amerciaments of the said lete, by the oath of lawful men, &c. and if the bailiff shall be unwilling to keep the said lete, as it happened in the time of *John Breccles*, the said lord of the manor to have a brief of the chancellor, to the said bailiffs, to hold the said lete, as they ought; and there belongs to the said manor a profit called *lovebene*; to wit, that all residents in *Grimeston*, having horses with a cart, shall work for the lord, for the redeeming of the common of *Grimeston*, one day's journey of barley-seed time, and he shall have for his breakfast one penny halfpenny; and all keeping cows on the common shall do a day's work in harvest, and at 3 o'clock they shall have flesh to eat, and ale to drink, and 3 loaves every evening; and if they refuse, then it shall be lawful to distrain on the said common, &c.; but Sir *Robert de Montealto*, the prior of *Westacre*, the Lady *de Thony*, the prioress of *Blackburgh*, the rector of *Grimeston*, *Nicholas Costyn*, *Nicholas Norman*, *Agnes Waceneys*, *Richard Beneyt*, the tenants of the messuage of *John Spylm* - -, *Hubert de Bumstead*, *Robert de Berton*, *Walter Oldman*, *John Skot*, Sir *Ralph le Botiler*, *Roger Skot*, shall not do the day's work in barley-seed time, nor the day's in harvest, because their tenants work for them; and likewise that no man sell the common of *Grimeston* to strangers without leave of the said *Benedict*, and his heirs; and if any stranger in *Congham*, or in any village, is willing to have common in *Grimston*, he shall do the work as the others do.

And there is also a profit belonging to the said manor of *Grimeston*, called *heywardship*; to wit, that the lord is able to let to farm the *heywardship* to whom he pleases, &c. and to the manor there belongs 6 roods of wood at *Bausey* in *Westwood*.

In 1402, *Benedict de Breccles*, son of *John de Breccles*, was lord; soon after it seems to have been out of this family, in the 25th of *Henry* VI.

John Paston, son and heir of *William Paston*, released to *Thomas Daniel*, Esq. all his right in the manor of *Grimston*, (which I take to be this of *Breccles*,) with lands, &c. in *Rydon*, *Well-hall*; and in the 28th of the said King a fine was levied between *Thomas Daniel*, Esq. and *Henry Wodehouse*, Esq. of the manor of *Grimston*, with that of *Well-hall*, in *Geyton*, &c. 20 messuages, 500 acres of land, 100 of meadow, 500 of pasture, 20 of wood, 200 of moor, and 10*l. per ann.* rent conveyed to *Daniel*.[a]

In the 10th of *Edward* IV. *August* 4, *John Wodehouse*, Esq. senior, and *Arnold Snoring* confirmed to *Edward Wodehouse* and *James Tyrell*, Knts. *William Tindale* and *Richard Southwell*, Esq. all their manors of *Grimston* and *Rydon*, with a fulling mill in *Rysing*, and all other their lands, tenements, rents, and services in the said towns, with all other profits which they had of the grant of the aforesaid *Edward Wodehouse*; and Sir *Thomas Brews*, Knt. *William Tyndale*, and *Richard Holeditch*, Esq. release to *John De la Pole* Duke of *Suffolk*, and *Edward Wodehouse*, Knt. in the 15th of the said reign, the

[a] L. 2. N. 131.

manor of *Grimston*, called *Breccles*, with the advowson of the church of *Grimston*, by deed dated *April* 10.

After this it was possessed by the Lord *Rochford*, brother to *Anne Bolein*, Queen of *England*, who being attainted in the year 1536, it came to the Crown, and King *Edward* the Sixth granted it to Sir *William Brook*, Knt. son and heir to the Lord *Cobham*, on the 26th of *June*, in his 7th year. Sir *William* conveyed it for 250*l.* in the first of Queen *Mary*, to *William Yelverton*, Esq. In the 3d of *Elizabeth*, he was lord, and it appears to be part of the jointure of *Jane*, his wife,[a] which *William* died seized of it *August* 28, in the 28th of *Elizabeth*.

Edward Yelverton, Gent. his 2d son, to whom he bequeathed it, kept his court for the manor on *Monday*, *May* 22, in the 29th of that Queen, and in the 31st year of the said reign, *Robert Hill*, bailiff, accounted for 7*l.* 3*s. ob.* rent of assise of the free tenants of the manors of *Breccles*, *Blackburgh*, and *Westacre* in this town.

In 1621, *Edward Yelverton* and *Nazareth* his wife, let this manor to farm: he was a doctor of physick and a popish recusant, and lived at this time at *Rougham*, and sometimes at *Appleton*, &c. and on his obtaining a pardon for his forfeiture on account of his recusancy, granted 20 marks *per ann.* out of his manor of *Breccles* for so long a time, as he should not conform to the laws; and on the 12th of *April*, 1625, he sold to *William Bladwell*, Esq. this manor, with the lete, and those of *Morleys*, *Downham-hall*, *Costeyns*, *Westacre*, *Blackborough*, &c. in this town, containing 26 messuages, 10 tofts, 26 gardens, 800 acres of land, 100 of meadow, 300 of pasture, 20 of wood, 3000 of heath and furze, with 5*l.* rent *per ann.* and liberty of two folds. This *Bladwell* was of the family of *Bladwell*, of *Thurlow Magna*, in *Suffolk*, and bore per pale *argent* and *gules*, a lion rampant, *sable*.

Bladwell was lord and sold it to - - - - - *Brown*, whose widow held it in 1698.

After this *William Bragg*, Esq. was lord, and sold it to Sir *Robert Walpole* Earl of *Orford*, and his grandson now possesses it.

COXFORD PRIORY MANOR.

In the 19th of *Edward* II. the prior of *Coxford* had a patent to hold 3 messuages, 100 acres of land, one of meadow, and 10*s. per ann.* rent in *Grimston*, *Congham*, *Rydon*, *Wyveling*, and *Appleton*, granted by the Lady *Maud de Tony*, widow of Sir *Robert de Tony*, son of Sir *Ralph de Tony*; which lordship, valued at 6 marks *per ann.* she bought of *William Sherman*, of *Tilney*, with its appurtenances, and gave to the prior for the founding of a chauntry in the church of *Necton* in *Norfolk*.

On the dissolution of religious houses it was granted *March* 1, in the 6th of *Edward* VI. late belonging (as it is expressed) to St. *Catherine's* chantry in *Necton*, to Sir *Thomas Wodehouse* of *Waxham* in *Norfolk*, who sold it on the 4th of *June* following, to *Humphrey Jordan*, Gent.

[a] Jane, daughter of Edward Cocket, Esq. of Ampton, in Suffolk, by whom he had this Edward, &c. and by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Henry Fermour, of Barsham, in Norfolk, he had Henry, his eldest son.

who kept his first court on *Tuesday* before the feast of St. *Luke*, in the said year; and in the 20th of *Elizabeth*, *Humphrey* and *Richard Bastard*, Gent. held their first court, on *November* 4; and in the 26th of that Queen, *Humphrey Bastard* released to *William Bladwell* of *Thurlow Magna*, in *Suffolk*, all his right in this manor and in the advowson of St. *Andrew's* church of *Congham*.

In the 32d of *Elizabeth*, *Richard Bastard*, Gent. conveyed it by fine to *Gyles Bladwell*, Esq. on whose death, *William*, his son, being a minor, it was held by *Susan*, his mother; and the said *William*, on the death of his mother, held his first court on the 12th of *April*, in the 17th of *James* I. with the lete.

Roger Bigot also, had a lordship held by two freemen in King *Edward's* time, with 60 acres of land, which *Robert de Vallibus*, or *Vaux*, held of *Bigot*; there belonged to it 3 borderers with 8 acres of meadow, and half a carucate valued at 5*s*. and 4 freemen belonged to it, with 40 acres of land, and 2 acres of meadow; one carucate also in King *Edward's* time belonged to it, but half a one at the survey, and was valued at 5*s*.[4]

CORDEL'S AND DUNHAM'S MANORS.

Thomas, son of *Walter Cordel*, purchased lands by fine in the 5th year of King *John*, and *John Hode*, or *Ode*, of *Lynn*, and *Robert Cordel*, or *Cordwell*, held in this town and *Congham*, the tenth part of a fee of *John de Vaux*, in the reign of *Henry* III. In the 16th of *Edward* I. this tenth part was assigned to *Petronilla*, wife to *William de Narford*, as eldest daughter of *John de Vaux*, being in the tenure of *Jeff. Cordel*; and in the said year *John Dunham* was found to hold part of a fee of *William de Roos* and *Maud* his wife, the other daughter of *John de Vaux*.

In the 7th of *Edward* II. a fine was levied between *Symon*, son of *Robert Cordel* of *Grimston*, and *Robert*, the father, of lands settled on *Symon*; and in the 20th of *Edward* III. *John Ode* and the heirs of *Robert Cordel*, and their tenants, held here and in *Congham* (as appears by an inquisition) half a fee of the heirs of *John de Vaux*.

It afterwards came to the *Wodehouses*, and *Roger Wodehouse*, Esq. and *Elizabeth* his wife, kept their first court of *Downham-hall*, on the feast of St. *Prisca*, the Virgin, *January* 18, in the second of *Henry* VIII. and it came from *Woodhouse* in the 17th of *Elizabeth* to *John Holditch*, Esq. of *Randworth*.

On *December* 20, in the 19th of *Elizabeth*, *William Yelverton*, Esq. purchased the manor of *Downham*, of *John Holditch*, Esq. of *Randworth*, and *Edward Yelverton*, his 2d son, executor to his father, kept his court on *Monday*, *May* 22, in the 29th of *Elizabeth*.

[4] Terr. Rogeri Bigoti——In Eraestuna, I lib. ho. LX. ac. tre. que. tenet Robt. de Uuuls, iii bor. et viii acr. pti. semp. dim. car. et val. V sol. In eade. tenet ide. iiii lib. XL ac. et ii. ac. pti. T. R. E. i car. m°. dim. et val. V sol.

COSTEYN'S MANOR.

Nicholas Costeyn occurs lord in the 9th of *Edward* II. and *William Costeyn*, in the first year of *Richard* II. held it of the honour of *Arundel*; and in the 19th of *Henry* VIII. *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, *Thomas* Marquis of *Dorset*, - - - - - *Fitz Walter*, Sir *Roger Townsend*, *John Cressener*, and *John Whitby*, feoffees of this lordship, for the use of *Roger Wodehouse*, Esq. son and heir of Sir *Thomas*, held a court on *Monday* next after the passion of our Lord, in the 19th of *Henry* VIII. *Roger Wodehouse*, Esq. conveyed it by fine to *John Holditch*, Esq. in the 17th of *Elizabeth*.

After this it came to *William Yelverton*, Esq. in the 19th of *Elizabeth*, as in *Downham* manor, and so to his son *Edward*, and to *William Bladwell*, as in *Beccles* manor. *Edward Yelverton* of *Rougham*, Esq. granted to *Thomas Wright* of *Hengrave* in *Suffolk*, on *March* 2, in the 29th of *Elizabeth*, the stewardship of his manors of *Breccles*, *Blackborough*, *Westacre*, *Morleys*, *Costings*, and *Downham-hall*, in this town, allowing an annual fee for the same of 26s. 8*d*.

BOZUN'S, GRIMSTON'S, ALIAS CONGHAM'S, ALIAS GEYTON, ALIAS WYVELING'S, ALIAS REED-HALL.

In the 6th of King *John*, a fine was levied between *Walter*, son of *Roger de Bilney*, petent, and *Richard de Seinges*, tenant, of one carucate of land in *Grimeston*,[5] and in the 41st of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *Richard*, son of *Peter* of *Wygenhale*, *Reginald de Rodes*, and *Muriel* his wife, of a messuage, one carucate of land, and 22*s*. rent *per ann.* in *Grimston*, *Congham*, *Rydon*, &c.

In the 10th of *Richard* II. a fine was levied between *Roger Raulin*, and *William Bozoun* and *Maud* his wife, of a manor settled on *William* and *Maud* for life, the remainder to *Geff. Adekyn* of *Newton*, and *Margaret* his wife, in tail; the remainder to *John*, son of *William Bozoun*; and *Thomas Shouldham*, Esq. by deed dated on *Thursday* next after the feast of St. *Matthew* the Apostle, in the 33d of *Henry* VI. released to *William Bozoun*, Esq. all his right in the lands of Sir *Richard Belhouse* in *Grimstone*, *Congham*, and *Geyton*, with rents, services, &c. *Richard Bozun* of *Wissenset*, Esq. by his last will, devised his manor here, and in *Congham* and *Rydon*, to *Alice* his wife for life, and died *January* 4, 1459.

In the 22d of *Henry* VIII. *Roger Wodehouse* and *Elizabeth* his wife conveyed to *Humphrey Jurdan*, 10 messuages and lands in *Wyvelingham*, in the parish of *Grimston*, and 2 folds; and mention is made of this place in the 41st of *Henry* III. in a fine levied between *Richard*, son of *Peter* of *Wygenhale*, and *Reginald de Rodes*, and *Muriel* his wife, of one messuage, one carucate, &c. and 22s. rent in *Grimston*, *Kangham*, *Wyveling*, &c. conveyed to *Richard*.[6]

[5] Plita. Term. Trin. Rot. 17. [6] L. 7, N. 64.

Robert Bozoun of *Thornage* in *Norfolk*, by an indenture made *March* 24, in the 33d of *Elizabeth*, for 70*l.* covenants to levy a fine of the manor of *Grimston*, alias *Congham*, alias *Geyton*, alias *Wyvelingham*, alias *Reed-hall*, with 4*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.* rent, late *Roger Bozoun's*, son of the said *Robert*, to *Anthony Bedingfeld*, Gent. to the use of *Anthony*, and *Roger Bozoun*, for their lives, and then to the use of *Edward Yelverton* and *Margaret* his wife, and his heirs. The rents of the free tenants of *Bozoun's* manor, about this time, were 2*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* and the copy-holders 16*d. per ann.* From *Yelverton* it was conveyed to *William Bladwell*, Esq. as in *Beccles* manor.

At the grand survey, *William* Earl *Warren* was possessed of a lordship in this town, which in the Confessor's time was in different hands, one part being held by *Alveva*, a freewoman; this consisted of one carucate of land, and 11 borderers; and 7 freemen held 4 acres of land, with 12 of meadow; there was one carucate in demean, and 7 freemen held half a carucate; this part was valued at 20*s. per ann.*

In the same town two freemen held in the time of King *Edward*, one carucate of land, and there was one carucate and 14 borderers, and 12 freemen had 12 acres of land, and one carucate, with 10 acres of meadow, valued at 20*s. per ann.*

Also one freeman held one carucate of land and 18 borderers, with a mill, and 6 freemen held 19 acres of meadow; there was one carucate in demean, at the survey half a carucate, and those 6 freemen held half a carucate, the whole valued at 30*s.*[7] See also in *Congham*.

MORLEY'S MANOR, &c.

Wimer, and *Drogo*, son of *William* the sewer, held lands or lordships here of the Earl *Warren*, about 1100.

The family of the St. *Cleers*, or *de Sancto Claro*, were also ancient lords of this manor; of this family was *Hamo de* St. *Cleer*, mentioned in the Pipe Rolls, in the first year of King *Henry* II. and likewise in the register of the abbey of St. *Baptist* of *Colchester*.

Gerebert de St. *Cleer*, whose chief seat was at *Bradfield* St. *Cleer*, in *Suffolk*, held the fourth part of a fee here; he lived in the 7th of *Richard* I. and in the 9th of King *John*, when he sold lands at *Marlingford* in *Norfolk*. In the 16th of *Henry* III. he conveyed lands in *Bradfield*, to *John de* St. *Cleer*, probably his son. He died seized of this manor in the 37th of *Henry* III. which he held by the fourth part of a fee of *William de Huntingfield*, and *William* (as I take it) of the Earl *Warren*.[8] *John*, his son and heir, succeeded, who kept his first court here in the 41st of *Henry* III. and he occurs lord in the 52d of that King. In the 41st year he is said to hold a whole fee, and not

[7] Tre. Willi. de Warrenna——In Grunestuna i car. terre ten. Alveva, liba. femina, T. R. E. xi bord. et vii lib. ho'es de iiii ac. terre xii ac. pti. semp. i car. in d'nio et vii lib. hoes. dim. car. tot. val. xx sol.

In ead ii lib. ho'es i car. terre et i car. et xiiii bord. et xii lib hoes. xii ac. tre. semp. i car et x ac. pti. tot. val xx sol.

In ead. i lib. ho. i car. tre. semp. xiii bord. et i molin. et vi lib. ho'es ix ac et x acr. pti. tnc. et p' i car. in dnio. modo dim. et illi vi lib. ho'es dim. car. tot. val. xxx sol.

[8] Plita. Coron. 41 Hen. III. R. 1. and do. 52. Hen. III. Rot. 31.

to be a knight, and *John de* St. *Cleer* did homage to the abbot of *Bury*, for the manor of *Bradfield*, in the 30th year of King *Edward* I.[9]

Guy de St. Cleer was escheator of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, in the 29th of *Edward* III. and *Pain de St. Clere* released to *Edward de St. John* and *Joan* his wife, and her heirs, all his right in the manor of *Grimston*, in the 49th of the said King; but before this it will appear that good part of this manor was alienated by some of the family who had a noble seat and park at *Bradfield* abovementioned. The last account that I have met with of them is in the time of *Henry* VI. Sir *Philip de St. Cleer* died in *Henry* the Fourth's time, lord of *Bradfield* and *Wethersfield* in *Suffolk*, leaving a widow *Margaret* and 2 sons; *John*, who died *s. p.* and *Thomas*, who died in the 17th of *Henry* VI. leaving 3 daughters and coheirs, *Elizabeth*, *Alianora*, and *Editha*.[1]

In the 10th of *Edward* II. *Robert de Reppes* held 4*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* farthing rent in *Grimston*, *Congham*, and *Geyton*, of the King *in capite*, by what services the jury was ignorant, he having it by the grant of license of the Earl *Warren*: in the 17th of the said King, he is said to hold a quarter of a fee in the aforesaid towns of the Earl of *Pembroke* of the castle of *Acre*, and in the 1st of *Edward* III. of the dutchy of *Lancaster*.

In the 17th of *Edward* III. Sir *Robert Morley* was lord, and *Joan* his wife joined in settling of it in tail; and he is said, in the 20th of that King, to hold it by the 4th part of a fee of the heirs of *Huntingfeld*, which *John de St. Cleer* and his tenants formerly held. In the 34th of the said reign, Sir *Robert Morley* was found to die beyond sea, seized of this lordship, and Sir *William Morley* was his son, aged 30, by *Hawisia* his first wife, daughter and heir of *William Mareshall*, Knt. and *Henry Morley*, aged 15, and *Robert*, were his sons, by his second, wife.[2]

After this, it was in the *Woodhouses*; *Roger Wodehouse* of *Kimberley*, Esq. settled it on the 2d of *May*, in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. on his son *Thomas*, and *Margaret* his wife, daughter of Sir *John Shelton*; and *Roger Wodehouse*, Esq. son of *Thomas* and *Margaret*, held his first court on 17th of *March*, in the 15th of *Elizabeth*; in the 17th year of that Queen, he conveyed it with the manors of *Downham-hall*, and *Costeyn's*, to *John Holditch*, Esq. of *Ranworth*, who with *Elizabeth* his wife, sold the said manors for 540*l.* on *December* 20, in the 19th of *Elizabeth*, to *William Yelverton*, Esq. and from him they came to his son, *Edward Yelverton*, and from him to *William Bladwell*, Esq. as in *Beccles* manor, &c.

CASTLEACRE-PRIORY MANOR.

The prior of *Castleacre* held lands here, valued in the year 1428, at 14*s.* 6*d.* and was styled a manor, being held of the gift of the Earl *Warren*, founder of that priory; *William*, first Earl *Warren*, gave two parts of the tithes of his lands here, to the priory, on the foundation of it.

In the 33d of *Elizabeth*, it was settled by *Rob. Bozoun* of *Thorpage*

[9] Regist. Kemp. Abb. Bur. fol. 60.—Claus. M. 33, 49 Ed. III.

[1] Esch. 9 Hen. IV. N. 47.

[2] Esch. N. 31.

Esq. together with the manors of *Bozoun, Wiselingham, Reed-hall,* &c. as in *Bozoun's* manor, from which family it came to *Edward Yelverton,* and so to *William Bladwell,* Esq.

BLACKBOROUGH-PRIORY MANOR.

The prioress of *Blackburgh* had also a small lordship. *Margery Fincham,* prioress, held her first court on *Saturday* after the feast of St. *Luke* the Evangelist, in the 24th of *Henry* VII After the dissolution of this house, it was granted, *September* 13, in the 4th and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary,* to *Thomas Guybon,* Esq. and *William Mynn,* Gent.

Soon after it was sold to *William Yelverton,* Esq. who held his first court on *Friday* next after the feast of St. *Martyn,* in the said year; he bought it of *Guybon* and *Mynn,* on *November* 5, for 50*l.* and was held of the manor of *East Greenwich; Edward Yelverton* succeeded his father in it, in whose time the free rents were 7*s.* 3*d. per ann.* copyhold rents, 1*l.* 0*s.* 11*d. William Bladewell* purchased it *April* 12, 1615.

WESTACRE-PRIORY MANOR.

In the sixteenth year of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *Bartholomew,* son of *Simon,* and *Robert,* prior of *Westacre,* when *Bartholomew* conveyed 2 messuages, and 44 acres of land in *Grimston* to the prior; and *William de Wygenhale* aliened to this priory certain tenements in *Walpole, South Lenne,* and *Grimestone,* in the 7th of *Edward* II.

The temporalities of this house were taxed in 1428, at 3*l.* 19*s.* 9*d.*

William Wingfield, prior of the monastery of St. *Mary* and *All-Saints,* of *Westacre,* granted lands in *Grimston,* to *Humphrey Jordan* of *Grimston,* by deed, dated *March* 20, in the 23d of *Henry* VIII. and before this, in the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Thomas de Warren* is said to have a manor here, which the prior held of him, and he of the Lord *Bardolf,* in soccage. After its dissolution it was granted 27 of *June,* in the 2d and 3d of *Philip* and *Mary,* to Sir *Henry Bedingfeld,* with lands, &c. in *Congham,* &c, and *Grimston* advowson, by way of exchange, for lands and manors in *Yorkshire,* who sold it to *Robert Cook* of *Mileham, January* 20, in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary;* and *Coke* conveyed it, *April* 7, in the 3d of *Elizabeth,* to *William Yelverton* of *Rougham,* Esq. who held his first court here in the said year; *Edward Yelverton* possessed it on his father's death, and sold it to *William Bladewell, April* 12, 1615.

Besides the manors abovementioned, *John Norman* was found, in the reign of *Henry* III. when an aid was granted to that King, on the marriage of his sister *Isabel,* to the Emperor *Frederick,* to hold the 6th part of a fee of the Lord *Bardolf,* of the honour of *Wirmegay,* which in the 9th of *Edward* II. was held by *Nicholas Norman*; and in the 20th of that King, by *John Norman,* of *Grimston,* with a watermill.

In the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Edmund Belzeter*, and his partners, and *Nicholas Norman*, and his partners, are said to hold in *Grimston*, and *Congham*, half a fee of *Edmund Oldhall*, and he of the honour of *Richmond*; and in the 5th of *Henry* VI. *John Norman* is said to hold the fourth part of a fee of *Thomas Beaufort* Duke of *Exeter*. After this, I meet with nothing more of this.

Also in the 9th of *Richard* I. a fine was levied between *Peter*, son of *Richard*, and *Alan*, son of *Reiner*, or *Reinham*, of the moiety of a capital messuage, and a carucate of land, &c. here, and in the fields of *Congham*, not of the best nor worst land, conveyed to *Peter*, to be held by the service of a pair of gilt spurs, of the value of 3*d*.

In the 16th of *Edward* I. *Thomas de Weyland* purchased by fine, of *Nicholas*, son of *William*, son of *Reyner*, messuages and lands in *Grimston*, *Congham*, and *Geyton*. This was the judge, Sir *Thomas de Weyland*, who was banished and his estate confiscated, (as I have observed in *Massingham*,) and was found to hold 100*s*. rent *per ann.* in this town, *Congham*, and *Geyton*, of *Nicholas*, son of *Reyner*, by the service of 2*s*. *per ann.*

This, with the abovementioned part of a fee, held of the Lord *Bardolf*, &c. was, as I take it, afterwards united to the other lordships, in this town.

Berner, captain of the cross-bow-men, had the grant of a lordship, of which *Ulueruna*, a free woman, was deprived, who had one carucate of land; 6 borderers, with one servus belonged to it, and 10 acres and a carucate of pasture, with a mill; 2 socmen, also, with 3 acres, and 3 freemen, with 4 acres; the whole was valued at 20*s*.[3]

This lordship came from *Berner*, to the *Picots*, (as I take it,) and on the death of *Eustace Picot*, was inherited by his daughter *Lauretta*, who married *Hugh de Burdelys*, who died about the 30th of *Henry* II. the family of *de Burdelys* were also lords of *Sculton*, *Congham*, and *Hillington*, in *Norfolk*; of *Madingley*, and *Comberton* it *Cambridgeshire*; and bore *ermin*, on a chief, *gules*, a lion passant, *or*, as appears from a roll of King *Edward* I. knights in *Cambridgeshire*.

John, the last heir male of this family, died a minor in 1396, leaving 2 sisters and coheirs; *Joan* married to *Gilbert de Camera*, or *de la Chamber*, of *Epping* in *Essex*; and *Elizabeth*, married to *Thomas Marshall*, but whether it descended to them, I have not seen.

The tenths were 10*l*. deducted 13*s*. 4*d*.

The Church of *Grimston* is dedicated to St. *Botolph*, and is a rectory, anciently valued at 30 marks; and paid 2*s*. *Peter*-pence; the present valor is 26*l*. 13*s*. 4*d*. and pays first fruits and tenths.

Near 200 acres of glebe are said to belong to this rectory, with a manor, lete, and a sheep-walk. The church is a regular pile, with a nave, 2 isles, and a chancel covered with lead; a large four-square tower, and 5 bells.[4]

William Earl *Warren* and *Surry* gave two parts of the tithes of his lands here, to the priory of *Castleacre*, on his foundation of it. This

[3] Terre Berneri Arbalistar.——In Grimestuna i car. t're. ten. Ulueru' lib. fem. T. R. E. sep. vi bor. et i ser. et x acr. p'ti. tnc. i car. p. nichil mo. i sep. i mol. H'c jacent ii soc. iii ac. et iii lib. ho'es iiii ac. totu' val. xx sol.

[4] In the church lie several gravestones, for the Swantons of this town.

was confirmed by *William*, the 3d Earl *Warren*, in 1148; and their spiritualities in 1428, were valued at 4 marks.[5]

In 1242, there was a composition between the prior of *Wymondham*, and *Walter*, rector of this church, for 2 parts of the tithes of the lordship of the Earl of *Arundel*, granted by that family, whereby the rector was to pay 40s. *per ann.* for the same; and their spiritualities, in 1428, were taxed at 40s.[6]

RECTORS.

Walter occurs rector in 1242; the same probably with *Walter de Thorp*, rector in 1253, (*ao.* 38 *Henry* III.) when he had a patent for a fair, yearly in this town; dated *March* 12, at *Bordeaux* in *France*.

William occurs rector in the 14th of *Edward* I.

1310, *Benedict de Breccles* was instituted rector, presented by *John de Breccles* and *Alice* his wife.

1312, *Edmund de Breccles*, by *John de Breccles*.

1335, *Edmund de Breccles* by *Alice*, relict of Sir *Benedict de Breccles*.

1337, *Hervey Falstolf*, by *Alexander Falstolff*, on the minority of *John*, son and heir of Sir *Benedict de Breccles*.

1361, *Adam Pyke*, by *John de Wesenham*.

1397, Mr. *Henry Well*, alias *Walton*, by the abbot and convent of West *Derham*; in the 40th year of *Edward* III. license was granted to *Simon* rector of *Castre*, and *Nicholas de Masingham*, to appropriate this church to *West Derham* abbey, which they had from *John de Wesenham*, and he from *John*, son of Sir *Benedict de Breccles*, and the abbot presented to the rectory in 1397;[7] it was not appropriated before the first of *Hen.* IV. 1399, when that King granted license for it, and a vicarage was settled.

Henry Well, this rector was master of *Chapel Field* college, in *Norwich*, archdeacon of *Lincoln*, &c.

On *January* 22, 1399, *Roger de Schypdam* was presented vicar of this church, by the abbot and convent of *West Derham*, on *Well's* resignation; but after this, all was made void by the Earl of *Arundel*, lord of the fee, it being done without his leave, and license, and so became a rectory again, and in the patronage of the lords of *Breccles* manor.

In 1483, *Fuller Newton* is said to be rector.

In 1484, *Ralph Daniel*, rector.

In 1508, *Thomas Hare*, LL.D. instituted rector; he was chancellor to the Bishop of *Norwich*, rector also of *Massingham Magna*, *Walsoken*, and *Haydon* in *Norfolk*.

Thomas Cremer died rector, 1691, buried here.

P. Brocket rector, compounded for first fruits in 1646.

Thomas Thorowgood occurs rector in 1650; he was S. T. B. one of the assembly of divines: of him see *Wood's* Ath. Ox. vol. i. Fast. p. 224.

[5] Reg. Cast. fol. 1.
[6] Reg. Wymond. fol. 66.
[7] Reg. Abb. de Wt. Derham.

Mr. *John Gremer*, rector in 1720, died rector *March* 4, 1742, aged 75, buried here.

1743, *Morley Unwin*, rector, presented by the master, fellows, &c. of Queen's College, *Cambridge*.

Queen's college in *Cambridge* has the patronage of this church.

In a court held by the rector, *ao.* 17th of *James* I. *October* 5, it was ordered that diligent search should be made after those who had been guilty of a most flagrant crime and act, in throwing down the tomb of Sir *Benediet Breccles*, Knt. here buried in the church.

In the church were the guilds of St. *Botolph*, and Corpus *Christi*, St. *Mary's* light, &c.

In 1703, here was a school, endowed with a house, and 20*l. per ann.* by the gift of *William Brage*, Esq. of *Hatfield Peverell* in *Essex*, lord of *Grimston*.

This town is wrote in *Domesday* book, *Grimestuna*, *Grunestuna*, and *Ernestuna*, and takes its name from a rivulet that arises by the church; thus *Erleham* by *Norwich*, the *Er*, *Hier*, *Gar*, or *Jer*; thus *Grimsby* in *Lincolnshire*, *Garboldesham* in *Norfolk*, *Jersey* isle, &c. also *Grimsbergh* in the New *Marck* of *Brandenburgh* in *Germany*.

The rivulet aforesaid arises on the north of the churchyard, from which it is parted by a little road, in a bottom, where it makes a little pool, and runs hence to *Lynn*.

HARPLEY.

The Conqueror granted this town to *William* Earl *Warren*, and it was held of him at the survey, by *Walter*; in the Confessor's time *Toche*, a *Saxon* thane, was lord of it; and had two carucates in demean, and two among the tenants, with 2 villains and 10 borderers, 6 servi, and the moiety of a salt-pit, &c. 180 sheep; also 12 socmen with 60 acres of land, and half a carucate, then valued at 60*s. per ann.* but 70*s. per ann.* at the survey: the whole was one leuca long, and 5 furlongs broad, and paid 8*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt, whoever possessed it.[s]

CALTHORP'S MANOR.

Walter abovementioned, who was enfeoffed herein, and held it under the Earl *Warren*, at the survey, seems to be the ancestor of *Philip de*

[s] T're. Will. de Warrenna ——— In Harpelai ten. Walterus ii car. in dominio, qua'tenuit Toche T. R. E. et ii car. hominu' et ii vill. et x bord. tc. vi serv. modo iii et dim. sal. semp. i runc. et iiii an. tc. x porc. modo xxx tc. clxxx ov. modo cccviii; hic jacent xii soc. de lx ac. t're. semp. dim. car. totu' val. tc. lx sol. modo lxx. Tot. ht. i leug. in long. et v quar. in lato. et reddit viid. de xx sol. quicu'q; ibi teneat.

Burnham, who was lord in the time of King *Stephen*, and had two sons, *William* the eldest, and *Reginald*, to whom *William* his brother gave a moiety of this town. *Philip* was son and heir to *William*, and lord of this manor, in the 36th of *Henry* II. and was succeeded by *Philip de Burnham*, his son, who married *Emma*, daughter and coheir of Sir *Ralph L'Estrange*, Knt. and impleaded *Fulk d'Airy*, at *Gedney* in *Lincolnshire*,[9] and *Maud* his wife, sister to *Emme*, for the moiety of 3 messuages, lands, &c. in *Weniz*, (East *Winch*) *Litcham*, and *Ringstead*, in the 4th of King *John*. By *Emma* he had a son, *William de Burnham*, who dying without issue, this lordship, &c. came to *Cecilia* his sister and heir, who married *William de Calthorp*; but in a pleading, in the 4th of *Edward* I. when *Cecilia* claimed a right to the patronage of this church, she proves her title from Sir *Philip de Burnham*, lord in King *Stephen's* time, who had *William* his son and heir, whose son *Philip*, had *William* his son and heir; and he dying without issue, this manor came to *Ralph* his brother and heir, and he dying also without issue, *Francis* his brother succeeded; and on his death without issue, *Philip* his brother, who had *William de Burnham* his son and heir, and dying without issue, *Cecilia* was found his sister and heir, married to Sir *William de Calthorp*, and her right was acknowledged.

In the 45th of *Henry* III. *William de Calthorp*, and *Cecilia* his wife, held half a fee of the Earl *Warren* in this town, of the honour of *Lewes*, and *William de Grancourt* released to them by fine, a caracate of land in this village; in the 55th of the said King, they had a grant of free warren, and the lete, paying 4*s. per ann.* to *Robert de Tateshale*, lord of the hundred.

Walter de Grancourt, in the 14th of *Edward* I. had a grant, by fine, from the said Sir *William*, and *Cecilia*, of lands, in *Burnham-Sutton*, &c. with the manors of *East Winch*, *Fincham*, and *Hungrey-Swanton*, and the rents of divers tenants, according to a fine levied in the 41st of *Henry* III. between *William*, father of *Walter*, and *William de Calthorp* and *Cecilia*, saving to *William* and *Cecilia*, the service of *Simon de Nodariis*, in *Hungry-Swanton*.

In the 17th of *Ed.* II. Sir *Walter de Calthorp* was lord, and held here, in *Fulmodeston*, *Hackford*, and *Burnham*, 5 fees and an half of the Earl of *Pembroke*, of the castle of *Acre*; but in the 3d of *Edward* III. Sir *William de Calthorp*, Knt. of *Burnham-Thorp*, settled it on himself for life, and *Walter* his son, and *Alice* his wife, in tail; remainder on his younger sons, *John*, *Oliver*, *William*, &c. In 1360, Sir *Oliver de Calthorp* was lord; and in the 14th of *Henry* VII. *Clement Anger* had it in farm, of Sir *Philip Calthorp*; in this family it continued, till *Elizabeth*, sister and heir of *Philip Calthorp*, Esq. and only daughter of Sir *Philip*, brought it by marriage, to Sir *Henry Parker*, who had livery of it in the 3d of *Edward* VI. Sir *Calthorp*, *Parker* died possessed of it in the 13th of King *James* I. and Sir *Philip* his son succeeded him.

[9] Fulk D'Airy, lord of Gedney, in Lincolnshire.

GOURNEY'S MANOR.

William de Burnham, eldest son of *Philip de Burnham*, by his grant of the moiety of his fee, (which he held of the Earl *Warren*) to his brother, *Reginald*, (as is abovementioned), gave rise to this lordship; this *Reginald* is said to have had an only daughter and heir, *Rose*, who was given in marriage by *Hameline Plantaginet* Earl *Warren*, and of *Surrey*, capital lord of the fee, to *Matthew de Gurney*, who was lord in her right, about the 30th of *Henry* II.

This moiety was to be held by *Reginald* of his brother *William*, by half a fee, as appears by the deed of *William*; to which, *William (Turbus)* Bishop of *Norwich*, *Reginald de Warren*, *Richard de Wrungey*, *Ralph* and *Baldwin de Frevil*; *Ralph de Plaiz*, *Simon de Caly*, were witnesses; the seal to it was round, of an inch and an half over, with a man completely armed on horseback, a drawn sword in his hand, and *William* Earl *Warren*, &c. confirmed the same, to which *Reginald de Warren*, *Anceline de Pavelly*, *Hugh de Bardolf*, &c. were witnesses; and their grants, though *sans* date, seem to be about the end of King *Stephen's*, or the beginning of *Henry* the Second's reign.

In the 30th of this last mentioned King, disputes arising about the tenure of this lordship, between *Philip de Burnham*, son of *William*, who granted it, and *Matthew de Gournay*, and *Rose* his wife, a fine was then levied in the King's court at *Westminster*, before *John* Bishop of *Norwich*, *Adam de Glanvile*, the King's justices, *Richard* the King's treasurer, *William Mald*, *William Basset*, on *Wednesday* next before the feast of St. *Luke* the Evangelist, when it was ceded to *Matthew*, &c. and his heirs, to be held by half a fee, he paying to *Philip* 10 marks *per ann.*

William de Gournay was his son and heir: to this *William*, Sir *William de Calthorp*, and *Cecilia* his wife, are said to have granted their right of patronage in the church of *Harpele*. *John de Gournay* succeeded his father *William*, and was with Sir *Henry Hastings* at the battle of *Lewes*, in *Sussex*; his estate was seized by the Earl *Warren*, as a rebel against *Henry* III.[1] but being after pardoned, Sir *John*, in the 3d year of *Edward* I. in Easter term, recovered against the prior of *Lewes*, the advowson of this church, who claimed it at the grant formerly of the Earl *Warren*; but it appeared on trial, in the King's Bench, that *John le Coward*, the champion of *Matthew de Gournay*, had by combat, gained it of the prior, in the reign of *Henry* II.

Sir *John de Gournay* was lord in the 27th and 28th of the said King, as appears from the court rolls.

In the 35th of *Edward* I. *John de Gournay* was lord, rector, and patron of the church, and had the grant of a fair in the said year; by a fine levied in the 9th of *Edward* II. he settled it on *John de Gournoy*, (son of *Catherine*,) and *Jane* his wife, in tail;[2] remainder to *William* and *Edmund*, brothers of *John*, his nephews. *John de Gourney*,

[1] Rot. de Rebell. 49 Hen. III. in Turre Lond.

[2] Edmund de Lexham settled on this John and Jane his wife, 6 messuages, with lands in Lexham, in tail; she was probably daughter of Edmund.

his nephew, (as I take it,) kept a court here on *Friday*, the vigil of St. *Laurence*, in the 27th of *Edward* III. and appears to be lord in the 6th of the said King; in which year, *John* his uncle died, and he presented then to this church; but in the 34th of the said King, *Edmund de Gurnay* presented, and kept his first court in 1354, on *Thursday* next before the feast of the conversion of St. *Paul*, and in 1360, was lord and patron; and *John Gournay* presented in 1387.

John Gournay, Esq. of *Harpley*, released in the 2d of *Henry* IV. to *Hugh Bavent*, all his right in a messuage, and 44 acres of land in this township, formerly *Alice Bavent's*, wife of *Richard Bavent*, and died in the 9th of the said King.

Alice his widow held her first court on *Thursday* next before the feast of the exaltation of the Holy Cross, in the 10th of the said King.

After this, Sir *Robert de Morley*, and others, who farmed, or were trustees of this lordship, kept their first court in the 11th of the said King, on *Thursday* next after the feast of St. *Simon* and St. *Jude*; and *William Pakenham*, clerk, held his court on *Monday* next before the feast of St. *Edmund* the King.

In the 13th of *Edward* IV. and again, the said *William*, and other feoffees, held courts in the 6th and 8th year of *Henry* VII. though it appears from the institution books of the see of *Norwich*, that *Thomas Gurnay* presented to the church in 1443, and *Willliam Gurnay*, Esq. in 1485, and *Anthony Gurnay*, in 1511, who, with *Elizabeth*, his wife, was living in 1535, and soon after conveyed it to Sir *John Allen*, Knt. with 10 messuages in this town, *Massingham Magna*, and *Parva*, *Houghton*, &c.

In a *computus* of the cellarer of *Norwich*, in 1512, it appears that *Robert Gurney* was lord before this *Thomas, de manerio quond. Robi. Gurnay, postea Tho. Gurnay, et nuper Willi. Gurnay, armigeri. in Harpley, de* 60*s.*

After this, *William*, son and heir of *John Curson*, Esq. had livery of it in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*; and *William Rugg*, Esq. kept his court as lord, with the lete, on *Thursday* next before the feast of St. *Matthew*, 1572, in right of *Thomasine* his wife, late wife of *William Curson*.

In 1579, the Queen presented, on the minority of *Thomas Curson*, son of *William*; about which time, it appears by a court held here, that there was a statute in force, for not wearing of woollen caps, with a penalty to the lord of the manor and the poor, for not complying therewith.

About the said time, I find the town amerced for not mending their butts. Soon after this, *Thomas Curson* had livery of it; and on *October* 10, 159-, sold it to *Richard Stubbs*, Esq. of *Sedgeford*, who, *August* 19, 1605, conveyed it to Sir *Miles Corbet*, *Edward Paston*, Esq. *Francis Guybon*, and *Thomas Cook*, in trust to him for life; after that to *Dionysia Yelverton* and her heirs, daughter and coheir of the said *Richard*, and wife of Sir *William Yelverton*, Knight, with power of revocation; and by his deed, dated *June* 10, in the 12th of *James* I. he settled it on *William Yelverton*, Esq. (son and heir of the aforesaid Sir *William* and *Dionysia*,) and *Ursula* his intended wife, eldest daughter of Sir *Thomas Richardson*.

In 1620, Sir *William Yelverton* presented, being held about this time by half a fee, of the dutchy of *Lancaster*, and paying 13*s.* 4*d. per ann.*

Sir *William Yelverton*, Bart. sold it about 1642, to *John Walpole*, Esq. of *Brunsthorp*, who married *Abigail*, daughter and heir of *Frozister Corbet* of *Brunsthorp*.

This *John* was brother of *Robert Walpole*, Esq. of *Houghton* in *Norfolk*, and father of Sir *Edward Walpole*, Knt. of the Bath, who inherited it as heir to his uncle *John*; and in this family it remains, the Earl of *Orford* being lord.

Here was also a lordship held at the survey by *Odo*, Bishop of *Baieux*, in *France*, half brother to the Conqueror, who gave it to him on the deprivation of *Stigand*, the Archbishop of *Canterbury*, whose lay fee it was in the reign of the Confessor, and was a berwite or lordship, depending on his great lordship of *Snetesham*, when 2 carucates of land, 2 villains, and 9 borderers belonged to it; there were 2 carucates in demean, and 5 socmen held 12 acres of land; also there were 2 carucates of the tenants, valued in *Stigand's* time at 40*s.* at the survey at 4*l. per ann.* and *Hugh de Portu* held it of the Bishop of *Baieux*.[3]

UPHALL MANOR.

This prelate, *Odo*, on his rebellion against *William* II. his nephew, was deprived of it. The next possessor of it after *Hugh de Portu*, that we meet with, was the Lady *Mabel de Becc*, daughter of *Walter de Becc*, or *Bek*, and wife of *Stephen de Chameys*, who, with the consent of her sons, *Walter de Aunfreville*, *Gilbert*, and *William*, gave to the church of Holy Trinity of *Norwich*, in the chapter-house, by deed, *sans* date, 20*s.* rent *per ann.* out of her manor of *Herpele*, 10*s.* to be paid on the feast of St. *Michael*, and 10*s.* on the feast of *Easter*, yearly, for the souls of her father and mother, and the rest of her relations, as well predecessors as successours;[4] the witnesses were *Alan*, priest of *Flocketorp*, *Matthew de Danmartin*, *Tebald de Watenis*, *Helewis de Clere*, *William de Burestowe*, *Hugh Pistor*, *Robert Fychet*, *Osbert de Chambrigge*.

And, by another deed, dated in 1109, she grants to the said church, and to the monks her brethren, (as she styles them, probably being then a lay sister, nun, or recluse,) serving God there, all her land in *Herpele*, with all her men, and all its appurtenances in the said village, which came to her from her ancestors, being her own patrimony, and proper inheritance, with the consent of her husband and sons, to hold it free from all services, and all claim of her heirs, &c. for the health of her own soul, that of her husband, &c. Witnesses *Alan*, the priest, aforesaid, *Jordan de Blosseville*, *Richard Fitz-Odo de Wrethestede*, *William de Whateville*, &c. and was after confirmed by Pope *Eugenius* III.

[3] Terre Epi. Baiocensis——Herpelai ten. Stigand T. R. E. p. i berewita in Sne'sha'. ii car. t're. sep. ii vill. et ix bord. tnc. ii car. in d'nio. mo. i et v soc. xii ac. t're. tnc. ii car. ho'um. mo. i et dim. tnc. val. xl. sol. mo. lxxx. tract Hugo de Portu.

[4] Regist. 5 Eccles. Cath. Norw. fol. 58.

William de Manerio, son of *Robert de Manerio*, (or *Manors*,) by his deed, *sans* date, gave it to his brother ——— *de Manerio*, which he held of the church of *Norwich*, paying the old service to the monks, *viz.* 60*s.* and to him and his heirs 10*s. per ann.*; witnesses, *Eustachius de Vesci*, *Henry de Manerio*, *Walter de Manerio*, *Adam*, parson of *Elyngham*.

In the 3d of *Edward* I. *Laurence de Manors* was lord, and had a lete belonging to him, for which he paid 18*d.* to the lord of the hundred; he was succeeded by his son, *William de Manors*, who, with *Margaret* his wife, was living in the 35th of that King.

After this, by a deed dated *November* 26th, in the 18th of *Edward* II. at *Harpley*, *Walter*, son of *Robert de Meleford*, grants to his lord, Sir *John de Gurney*, rector of the church of *Harpley*, his messuage called *Uphall*, with all the homages and services of his free tenants, view of frank pledge, free bull and boar, all perquisites of court, and all other liberties, late *Ralph's*, son of *Walter de Manors*, with wards, reliefs, escheats, &c. with all the lands that *Marion*, late wife of the said *Walter*, holds for life, being of his right and inheritance, and all the tenements which Sir *Henry de Walpole*, Knt. *Godfrey*, son of *Ascelina de Harpele*, and *Thomas Elwyn* of *Howton*, hold of the said *Mariona*, during her life, and which, after her death, ought to descend to the said *Walter*, and his heirs, the said *John de Gurnay* paying one clove *per ann.*; witnesses, Sir *Henry de Walpole*, *Thomas de Feltham*, *Edmund Laurence*, *Oliver de Massingham*, *Ralph de Walsingham*, *William de Harplee*; and the said manor, tenements, &c. were, by deed of the said *John de Gurney*, dated on *Monday* the feast of St. *Thomas* the Apostle, in the 6th year of King *Edward* III. granted to his nephew, *John de Gurney*, and *Jane* his wife, and their heirs; to which was a seal of green wax, oval, about the size of a half crown, with the impress of some saint in an arch; the legend, *S. Johi's de Gurnay*.

This lordship became thus united with that of *Gurnay's*, and 3*l. per ann.* was paid for it to the church of *Norwich*, as appears from the receipts of the cellarer of that church; and in 1428, the prior of *Norwich* was taxed at 3*l. per ann.* for it.

Matthew de Gurnay, and *Rose* his wife, gave, about the 30th of *Henry* II. 12 acres and a rood of land, to the prior of *Castleacre*, for which he had a bezant of gold.

The temporalities of *Castleacre* priory were taxed in 1426 at 12*s. per ann.*

The abbot of *Wendling's* at 6*s.* the prior of *Coxford* at 6*s.* and the abbot of *Creyk* had also temporalities.

The tenths were 6*l.* 6*s. per ann.*

Here is an annual fair kept on the 25th of *July*, granted in the 35th of *Edward* I. to *John de Gurnay*, lord, patron, and rector of the town; and it belongs to the rector for the time being.

On the 22d of *June*, in the 35th of *Elizabeth*, *Robert Kenyon*, rector, let to farm, to *Richard Stubbs*, of *Sedgeford*, Esq. this fair, with all its rights, court, amerciaments, and profits thereto belonging, for the term of 40 years, for the sum of 10*l.* in money paid him.

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Laurence* the Martyr, and is a rectory, formerly valued at 34 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence 8*d.*

The present valor is 22*l.* and pays first fruits and tenths.

The church has a nave, a north and south aisle, and a chancel, and was built by Sir *Robert Knowls*, a famous general in the reigns of *Edward* III. and *Richard* II. in the wars in *France*, who was Knight of the Garter, and bore *gules*, on a chevron, *argent*, three roses of the first, which arms are painted on the screens on the left hand, as you enter the chancel; and on the right hand *argent*, a fess dauncy, between three leopards faces, *sable*, the arms of Sir *Robert's* wife, probably a *Beverley*.

In the windows of the church were the arms of *Gournay*, *argent*, a cross, ingrailed, *gules*; of *Bassingbourn*, gyrony of eight, *or* and *azure*; of *Noiers*, vairy, *argent* and *gules*; of *Calthorp*, checque, *or* and *azure*, a fess ermine.

On the pavement of the chancel, lies an old marble gravestone, whereon was the portraiture or effigies of a priest, with 2 shields and a rim of brass, now all torn off; by the incision of the stone made to let the letters in on the rim, it appears to be—*Hic jacet corpus Johis de Gournay, quondā' rectoris et patroni hujus ecclesie, cuj; a'i'e. p'pitietur Deus, Amen.*—He died rector in the 6th of *Edward* III.

Hic jacet Henricus Colman, S.T.P. Rector de Harpley, et Foulsham in agrō Norfolc. filius Ricardi, Colman, armigeri, et Annæ uxoris suæ, filiæ Edwardi Hyde de Hatch in com. Wylt. S.T.P. vir admodum reverendus, benevolentiâ, literis, et pietate egregiè notus, qui obt. nono die mensis Oct. ao. 1715, *ætatis suæ* 46, *sic nobis illuxit monumentum.*

In the uppermost window but one, of the north aisle, was the history of St. *Laurence*, painted on the glass, as appears from some fragments, and the *insignia* of that saint, a grid-iron, *or*.

On the battlements of the south aisle, which are of freestone, are several arms carved; *viz.* of *Knowls* and his wife, St. *Laurence*, Lords *Bardolph*, *Howard*, *Scales*, and *Bassingbourn*; three feathers for the Prince of *Wales*; cheque, a fess engrailed, between three roses, quarterly, a bend over all, a fess lozengy, a fess between two chevronels, three chevronels, three pallets, and a cross.

In this church were the lights of the Virgin *Mary*, of the Holy Cross, of the Sepulchre, the boys light, and that of *All-Saints*; also the guilds of St. *Margaret*, (and her chapel,) of St. *Laurence*, and St. *James*.

RECTORS.

Jeffrey was rector in *Henry* the Second's reign, presented by *Philip de Burnham*.

Alexander de Walpole occurs rector in the 6th of *Henry* III. as appears by a fine, then levied, between him and *Godfrey*, dean of *Brisley*, when 20 acres were granted to *Alexander* and his successours, in this town.

John de Gurnay occurs rector in the 35th of *Edward* I.

1332, *Thomas Spendlove*, presented by *John de Gurnay*.

John de Pattesley occurs in 1349.

1360, *Hugh Waincy*, by *Edmund Gurnay*.

John de Wolterton occurs rector in 1382; he was master of

warden of *Mettingham* college, 1384, and dying in 1387, was buried in the churchyard of this church, by the south door.

1387, *Richard de Taseburgh*, by *John Gurnay*.

1389, *John Drew*; he was rector also of *Northwold*, in *Norfolk*, of *Tharfield* in *Hertfordshire*, &c.

In 1420, *October* 6, the Bishop of *Norwich*, at the request of this rector, changed the feast of the dedication of this church, which used to be kept on *All-Souls* day, to the *Sunday* next following that feast, because the parishioners could not attend the service on *All-Saints* day. By his will he desired to be buried here between 2 pillars by the pulpit.

1421, *William Drye*, by *Thomas Astele* of *Melton*.

1443, *Robert Wylton*, by *Thomas Gurnay*, Esq.

1465, *Henry Abraham*. *Ditto*.

John Knowles occurs rector in 1474, and prior then of *Coxford*, in *Norfolk*, brother of Sir *Robert Knowles*.

1485, *Christopher Gurnay*, by *William Gurnay*, Esq.

1511 *Thomas Higney*, by *Anthony Gurnay*.

1537, *William Ugge*, by *Thomas Godsalve*, assignee of *Anthony Gurnay*.

1579, *Robert Kenyon*, by the Queen, on the minority of *Thomas Curson*.

1620, *Edmund Gurnay*, B. D. by Sir *William Yelverton*, Knt.

1648, *George Heyhoo*, by *Robert Heyhoo*.

1668, *Walpole Chamberlayn*, by *Thomas Dyke*, M. D. and *Elizabeth* his wife, and *John Turner*, Esq.

1700, *Charles Clarke*, by *Theoph. Harris*, widow.

1706, *Henry Colman*, S. T. P. by *William Hookes* and *Elizabeth* his wife.

1715, *Henry Bland*, afterwards D. D. dean of *Durham*, &c. *Ditto*.

1744, *Horace Hamond*, D. D. by the Earl of *Orford*.

Thomas Gurnay, senior, Esq. lord of *West Barsham*, by his will, dated *March* 18, in the 9th of *Edward* IV. orders his body to be buried in the chancel of this church, if he dies at *Harpley*, and if at *Norwich*, in the church of the friars minors there:[3] of this family see more in *West Barsham*.

[3] Reg. Jekkys, Norw. fol. 211.

HILLINGTON,

CALLED in *Domesday Book*, *Helingetuna*, as lying near the water; thus *Hely*, or *Ely*, and *Helingham*, or *Elingham*. *Berner*, captain of the cross-bowmen, had this lordship given him by the Conqueror, which *Vlveruna*, a free-woman, possessed in King *Edward's* time; consisting of 2 carucates of land, and 15 acres; there belonged to it 7 villains and 8 borderers, 2 servi, and 10 acres of meadow; there were 2 carucates in demean, and one amongst the tenants, a mill, and a salt pit, 100 sheep, but at the survey 80, &c. valued formerly at 4*l.* now at 5*l. per ann.* the whole was one leuca and an half long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 8*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt.[6]

AUBYN'S or ALBON'S MANOR.

In the reign of King *Henry* II. *Hugh de Burdelis* was lord of this manor, which he had by the marriage of *Lauretta*, daughter of *Eustace Picot*; after the death of the said *Hugh* in the 30th year of the aforesaid King, *Wimer*, the chaplain, then sheriff of *Norfolk*, answered for the profits of the manor of *Hillington*, late *Hugh de Burdeliz*, as the record declares;[7] it being in the King's hands: and in the 34th he answered for 10*l.* for the farm of it. The family of *Burdeliz* had considerable possessions at *Scoulton*, *Grimston*, &c. in this county, as in *Grimston*.

In the 10th of *Richard* II. a fine was levied between *Eve*, daughter of *Harvis de Merlai*, petent, and *Ralph de Torcy*, tenent, of 40 acres of land in *Hillington*, conveyed to *Ralph*, from *Eve*, with a mill, called *Over-mill*; and in the said year another fine was levied between *Nicholas Crawe*, and *Amicia*, his wife, and the aforesaid *Ralph de Torcy*, of 40 acres of land, and the mill of *Over-mill*, conveyed by *Nicholas* and *Amicia* to the said *Ralph*, to be held of them.[8]

In the 25th of *Edward* I. *Robert*, son of *Albon*, of *Stamford*, conveyed by fine to *John*, (son of *Albon*, of *Stamford*,) of *Hillington* and *Sibill*, his wife, lands and messuages here.[9]

In the 28th of that King, *John Albon*, or *Aubyn*, and *Sibill* his wife, had conveyed to them by a fine, from *Sarah*, daughter of *Rich. de Merley*, lands, &c. in *Hillington*, with the moiety of the advowson of the church. From this *John Albon*, the manor seems to take its name; and in the 2d of *Edward* III. a fine was levied between *John*

[6] Terre Berneri Arb.—In Helingetuna ii car. tre. et xv ac. ten. eade. Vlverun T. R. E. sep. vii vill. et viii bor. et ii ser. x ac. pti. tc. ii car. in d'nio. p', i m°. ii sep. i car. ho'um. i mol. i sal. tc. c. ov. m°. LXXX tc. xii por. m°. vij tc. et p' val. iiii lib. m°. c. sol. totu. ht. i leug. et dim. in longo. et dim. in lato quicq. ibi teneat, et redd. viii*d.* de g. de XX sol.

[7] Rot. Pip.

[8] N. 148, 158.

[9] L. 5. N. 60. L. 5. N. 148.

Aubyn[1] of *Hillington*, and *Margaret* his wife, and *Vincent*, son of *Philip* of *Wood-Norton*, of messuages and lands here, and in *Gongham*, with the advowson of a moiety of this church, settled on *John*, &c. in tail.[2]

In 1412, the family of *Irmingland* were lords, and presented to a moiety.

After this it came to the Lord *Scales*, and *Elizabeth*, daughter and sole heir of *Thomas* Lord *Scales*, brought it by marriage to *Anthony* Lord *Scales*, and Earl *Rivers*.

In the sixth year of King *Edward* IV. a fine was levied between *Simon Baxter*, and others, querents, *Anthony Wydvile*, Lord *Scales* and *Elizabeth* his wife, deforciants, of this manor, those of *Midleton*, *Hale-Holme*, *Scales-Hoe*, *Barton*, *Reynham*, *Wylton*, *Islington* and *Hickling*, with the advowsons of the churches of *Hillington*, *Islington* and *Rydon* in *Norfolk*; *Ruenhale* and *Shaldeford* in *Essex*; and those of *Wyrlington* and *Aspale* in *Suffolk*;[3] *Newsele* and *Berkwey* in *Hertfordshire*; by this fine, these manors, &c. were settled on the said *Anthony* and *Elizabeth*, and the heirs of their bodies; but the said *Elizabeth* dying on the 2d of *September*, in the 19th of *Edward* IV. without issue, it descended to *John de Vere*, Earl of *Oxford*, in right of *Elizabeth* his mother, daughter and heir of *John Howard*, Esq. grandson and heir to Sir *Robert Howard* and *Margaret* his wife, daughter and heir of *Robert* Lord *Scales*;[4] which *John*, dying without issue, was succeeded by his nephew *John Vere* Earl of *Oxford*, who left on his death in 1526, his 3 sisters, *Ursula*, married to Sir *Edward Knightly*; *Dorothy*, to *John Nevill*, Lord *Latimer*; and *Elizabeth*, to Sir *Anthony Wingfield*, his coheiresses.

Ursula having no issue, this lordship came to the Lords *Latimers*, and the *Wingfields* family; and soon after the lord *Latimer* conveyed his moiety to the *Wingfields*; and Sir *Robert Wingfield* had livery of it, about the first of Queen *Elizabeth*; and in the 24th of the said Queen, conveyed it to *William Walpole*, Esq. who had in the said year a pardon, for purchasing it without license; and was sold by the executors of the said *William*, to *Richard Hovell*, Esq. who presented to the church as lord in 1610.

In this family it continued (as the pedigree will show) many years, and on the death of Sir *William Hovell*, Knt. it came to his 3 daughters and coheirs, and their descendants.

Martin Folks, Esq. by the marriage of the 2d daughter and coheir, had an interest, as his son *Martin* had, on whose death it came to his brother.

William Folks, Esq. the present lord (as the pedigree following will shew) lives here.

Eudo, son of *Spirewin*, had also a manor in this town, which *Jeffrey* held under him, and which *Godric* held under *Herold*, a freeman in the reign of the Confessor consisting of two carucates and 15 acres of land, 8 villains, 4 borderers, and 8 acres meadow; there were 2 carucates in demean, and one amongst the tenants, a mill, and the

[1] John Aubyn, &c. presented to a moiety or portion in this church, as lord of this manor in 1340.

[2] L. 1. N. 43.

[3] L. 1. N. 43.

[4] On the attainder of Anthony Lord Scales, it came to the Crown, and was granted in the 2d of Richard II. to John Howard, lately created Duke of Norfolk, who was also attainted. See in Middleton

moiety of a salt-pit, and a freeman held 2 acres and an half, pannage for 16 swine, and 60 sheep; the whole valued at 4*l. per ann.*[5]

UPHALL AND NETHERHALL MANORS.

Eudo, son of *Spiruwin*, to whom the Conqueror gave this manor, assumed the name of *Tateshall*, from a market town in *Lincolnshire*, the head of his barony or chief seat, and was held of his descendants.[6]

Geffrey de Anos (probably descended from *Geffrey*, who held it under *Eudo*, abovementioned) was lord in the reign of King *John*, and on the marriage of his daughter *Margery*, with Sir *Bartholomew de Creke*, son of *Robert de Creke*, he gave it to him; she appears to have been a very considerable heiress, and to have brought to the said *Bartholomew*, the manors in *Helmingham* and *Flixton* in *Suffolk*; as appears from a pleading at *Ipswich*, in the 24th of *Henry* III. when *Robert de Pirho*, *William de Blund*, and *Robert de Blund* were found to owe to Sir *Bartholomew de Creke* 14*l.* out of the aforesaid, assigned for the maintenance *(p. sustentatione uxoris suæ)* or jointure of his wife.[7]

On the death of Sir *Bartholomew*, this lordship came to his son *Robert de Creke*, and he dying, without issue, to *Geffrey* his brother and heir, and from him to *John*, his brother and heir, who dying also without issue, it came to *Sarah*, his sister, and heir, who married *Roger Fitz Peter*, *Fitz Osbert*, who was found to hold half a fee here in the 31st of *Edward* I. of *Robert de Tateshall*; this *Roger* held it after the death of his wife *Sarah*, and on his decease in the 34th of the said King, a moiety of it came to Sir *John de Thorp*, lord of *Ashwell Thorp*, as heir and cousin to *Sarah*, daughter of Sir *Bartholomew de Creak*; and the said Sir *John* died seized of it.

The other moiety came to *Rohesia*, and *Cecilia*, the daughters and coheirs of *Robert de Valoins* of *Hickling* in *Norfolk*, son of *John Valoins* and *Isabella* his wife, daughter of Sir *Robert de Creke*, sister to Sir *Bartholomew*, father of *Sarah*, aforesaid.

On this division arose the two manors of *Uphall* and *Netherhall*.

Uphall manor was that part which came to *Cecilia* abovementioned, who married Sir *Robert de Ufford*, seneschal of the house to King *Edward* I. Sir *Edmund de Ufford*, a younger son of the said Sir *Robert*, was lord of it in the 32d of *Edward* III. and in the 49th of the said King, *Edmund de Ufford*, chevalier, brother to *Robert de Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk*, was found to die seized of this manor, with that of *Combes* in *Suffolk*, and *William* Earl of *Suffolk*, son of *Robert*, was his heir, aged 36 years. This Sir *Edmund de Ufford* was buried (agreeably to his will, dated *December* 21, 1374, and proved *July* 6, following) in the chapel of St. *Mary* in the conventual church of *Campsey* priory in *Suffolk*, by his late wife;[8] and in the 13th of *Richard* II. *Robert*

[5] Terre Eudonis filij Spiruwin. —— In Idlingbetuna ten. Gausfrid. ii car. et xv ac. tre. qua. ten. Godric. sub. Heroldo, lib. hoc.t.r.e. sep. viii vill. et bor. iiii et viii ac. pti. et ii car. in d'nio. et i car. houm et i mol. et dim. sal. et i lib. ho. ii ac. et dim. m°. xvi por. et lx. ov. totu. val. iiii lib.

[6] See in Babingley.

[7] Plita. ap. Gippew. Rot 29. —— To this lordship, the patronage of a moiety, or portion in this church belonged, Sir Roger Fitz-Peter Fitz-Osbert, presented in 1301.

[8] Reg. Haydon, Norw.

Boys, &c. aliened to the said priory this manor of *Uphall*, a feoffee (as I take it) of the late Sir *Edmund*, to perform the same, the whole being in him; or some of the *Pakenhams* family granting their part in the said manor for the said uses; the priory of *Campsey* being founded by *Theobald de Valoins* one of their ancestors, but the presentation to a moiety of the church came to the *Irminglands*, lords of *Albon's* moiety.

On the dissolution of the said priory, it was granted to *John Eyre*, Esq. by King *Henry* VIII. on *February* 20, in his 36th year, from whom it came to the family of *Stede*. *William Stede*, and *William Playfoot* held it in the 4th of *Elizabeth*.

William, son and heir of *William*, was lord of *Uphall* in *Hillington* (and it extended into *Flitcham*, *Congham*, *Grimston* and *Rydon*), in the 21st of *Elizabeth*, *Platfoot* conveying his right to *Willliam Stede* in the 6th of the said Queen; and *William Stede* his son, by his will dated *April* 28, 1613, bequeathed it to *Thomas* his son.

It was after united to the other lordship.

Netherhall manor was held in the 17th of *Edward* II. by Sir *John de Thorp* and *Alice* his wife, of *Eve*, (late wife of *Robert de Tateshale*,) and then the wife of Sir *John de Cove*, as part of her dower; and *Robert de Thorp* was found to be his son and heir, aged 30; and in the year 1338, *John*, son of Sir *Robert de Thorp*, was lord, and presented to a moiety of this church.

This manor of *Netherhall* was possessed by *William Barker*, Gent. of *Edgfield*, in Queen *Elizabeth's* reign, and purchased of him by *Richard Hovell*.

Daniel Collier, Esq. purchased and lived in a little manor here, and gave it to Dr. *William Alston*, rector of *Gunthorp*, who married his niece; and Mr. *Spurgion* of *Anmere*, recovered it by suit in Chancery, about 1762.

Another lordship in this village belonged to *William* Earl *Warren*, which two freemen were possessed of in the reign of King *Edward*; to this there belonged 5 villains, 6 borderers, two servi, and 8 acres of meadow, two carucates in demean, and half a one amongst the tenants, with a mill; the Earl *Warren* had one carucate of the said land, and a freeman had 15 acres, and half a carucate; the whole was valued at 60*s*. *per ann.* and this was by an exchange.[9]

BURY'S MANOR.

Daniel de Merlai and *Roger de Pavilli*, held considerable parts of this fee, of the Earl of *Warren*, about the reign of *Henry* III. as will afterwards appear; and in the 12th of *Henry* III. a fine was levied between *Richard de Merlay* (of the moiety of the advowson of the church of *Hillington*) and *Bartholomew de Creke* and *Margery* his wife, who conveyed it to *Bartholomew*, and the heirs of *Margery*.

Roger de Paveli, lord of *Hillington*, gave 10*s*. rent to *Castleacre* priory, *viz.* 5*s*. *per ann.* out of his mill, and 5*s*. which *William*, son of

[9] Tre. Willi. de Warrenna.——In Idlinghetuna ii car. ten. ii lib. ho'es T. R. E. semp. v vill. et vi bord. et ii serv. et viii ac. pti. et ii car. in d'nio. et dim. car. hominum et i molin et Willi. ten. i car. tre. de ista terra. et i lib. ho. xv. ac. semp. dim. car. totu val. LX sol. hoc est p. esc'gio.

Robert de Ingaldesthorp held of him, for the health of the soul of *Theophania* his wife.[1]

In the 10th of *Edward* II. Sir *Robert de Repps* held the manor of *Bury's-hall*, in *Hillington*, valued at 3*l. per ann.* and 4*l.* 18*s.* 6*d. q.* rent in *Grimston*, *Congham* and *Geyton*, 104*s.* 3*d. ob.* rent in *Styberd*, and the advowson of *Styberd*, of *John de Warren*, Earl of *Surry*, and in the 2d of *Edward* III. it was found that it would not be to the King's, or any person's damage, if the King granted to *Rob. de Repps*, that he might give to *John Wicliewood*, capellane, 70 acres of the manor of *Hillington*, and 21 marks, 6*s.* 8*d.* rent in *Stiberd*, *Grimston*, *Congham*, and *Geyton*, and the advowson of *Stiberd* church for the use of the said *Robert* and *Sibilla*, and *Laurence* their son, held of *John* Earl *Warren*: and in the 12th of the said King, a fine was levied between *Laurence*, son of *Robert de Repps* and *Sibil* his wife, and *Margaret* wife of the said *Laurence*, querents, *Robert* and *Sibil*, deforciants, of this manor, lands in *Grimston*, *Congham*, *Geyton*, &c. settled on *Laurence* and *Margaret*, in tail.

After this, in the 20th of the said reign, *Henry de Lacy* was found to hold the 3d part of a fee here, of the Earl *Warren*, which the Earl held as an escheat; and in the 37th, this manor was in the hands of Sir *Robert de Causton*, with lands, &c. in *Stiberd*.

I find by the pedigree of *Repps*, that *Laurence Repps* abovementioned, had by *Margaret* his wife, *Richard Repps*, his son and heir, who left two daughters and coheirs; *Catherine*, married to *John Marthall*, and *Alice*, married to *John Burys*, but in the 9th of *Richard* II. this lordship was held for life, by *Joan*, mother (as I take it) of *Catharine* and *Alice*, and then the wife of Sir *John de Herling*; and in the said year the reversion and it was settled (in trust, as I take it) by fine on *Richard Atte-Pitte*, by *John Mareshall* and *Katherine* his wife, and by *John Bures* and *Alice* his wife; and in the 4th year of King *Henry* IV. *John de Bures*, son and heir of *John de Bures*, and *Alice* his wife, released to *John Rookwood*, &c. all his right in a moiety of this manor, with those of *Stiberd*, and *North* and *South Repps*, and *Hobois Parva*.

Robert Thoresby was found to die seized of it in the 15th of *Henry* VII. and left *Henry* his son, and it was then valued at 8*l. per ann.*

In the 38th of *Henry* VIII. a fine was levied between *John Miller*, Gent, querent, *John Corbet*, Gent. and *Bridget* his wife, deforcients, of the manor of *Borough-hall*, and lands in *Hillington*, *Flitcham*, and *Congham*.

Afterwards it was purchased of *William Walpole*, Esq. by *Richard Hovell*, and so united to the other lordships.

WEST DERHAM MANOR.

Roger de Pavilly gave 40 acres of land in this town, of his demeans, to the abbey of *West Derham*, which *Roger de Elton* held with liberty of a fold, paying 20*s. per ann.* rent, to the said *Roger*, and his heirs, at 3 times in the year, which was confirmed by King *John* in his first year, and so was the foundation of this manor, which in 1428, was

[1] Reg. Castl. fol. 56.

valued at 10*l. per ann.* and after the dissolution of that abbey, was granted, on *June* 27, in the 2d and 3d of *Philip* and *Mary*, to Sir *Henry Bedingfeld*, Knight, of *Oxburgh*.

William Walpole, Esq. was lord about 1580; and about the end of Queen *Elizabeth's* reign, possessed by *Richard Hovell*, Esq.

Other religious houses had also possessions here.

LEWIS OR CASTLEACRE PRIORY.

William Earl *Warren* and *Surry* gave, in the reign of *Henry* II. two parts of the tithe of his fee to *Castleacre* priory.

Daniel de Merlai gave by deed, *sans* date, two garbs or parts of the tithe of his manor here, which he held of the fee of the Earl *Warren*, to the priory of *Castleacre*;[2] witnesses, *Eustachius* senior, *Alan de Rosei*, *Herbert de Hillington*, &c. *Roger de Pavilli* gave to the said priory, 10*s. per ann.* out of his rent here, viz. 5*s. per ann.* out of his mill, and 5*s.* which *William*, son of *Robert de Ingaldesthorp*, held of him; witnesses, *William*, the priest of *Seulethorp*, *Jeffrey Capel*, *Roger de Trecheness*, *Ralph de Bellocampo*, Mr. *Ralph de Fuldon*, *Walter Kemeston*, &c. and *Theophania*, wife of *Roger*, confirmed her husband's grant, *sans* date.

William, son of *Thomas*, son of *Roger de Hillington*, granted to *John de Teynges*, prior of *Lewis*, lord of the fee, (as he is styled,) a piece of land which *Avelyn* his mother, gave him, by deed *sans* date, witnesses, *Roger de Kileby*, *Robert de Fransham*, &c.

The temporalities of *Lewis* priory, or *Castleacre*, which was a cell to it, were valued in 1428, at 32*s. per ann.*

Coxford priory had considerable possessions. *H.* prior of *Coxford*, and the convent, acknowledge that they are bound to pay to the monks of *Castleacre*, the yearly rent of 5*s.* which *Roger de Pavilli* gave to them, of the service of *William*, son of *Roger de Ingaldesthorp*, for the tenement that he held of him in *Hillington*; witnesses, *Walter de Wanci*, *Roger de Frevil*, Mr. *Simon de Acre*, *Hervey de Stanehoge*, *Nicholas de Sidesterne*, *Robert de Kolekirke*.

The temporalities of this prior, in 1428, were valued at 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d. per ann.* See *Coxford* priory manor in *Grimston*.

I find this called the manor of *Tony*, and was bought by Mr. *Giles Bladwell*, of Mr. *Bastard* of *Dunham*, younger brother to him of *Westwineh*.

The temporalities of the priory of *Wirmegey* were valued at 4*s.* those of the priory of *Pentney*, at 2*s.* 7*d.* and those of *Flitcham* in 1428, at 5*s. per ann.*

The tenths of this village were valued at 7*l.* 10*s. per ann.* deducted 20*s.*

The family of *Hovell* is of great antiquity. *Richard Hovell* held of *Baldwin*, abbot of *Bury*, in the time of the Conqueror, a lordship at *Wigvereston* in *Suffolk*; and 5 freemen held lands under the said *Richard*.[3]

Sir *John Hovell* of *Wratting Parva*, in *Suffolk*, was living in 1370.

William Hovell of *Rishanges* in *Suffolk*, died in 1433, and by *Beatrix* his wife, daughter of Sir *John Thorp*, of *Ashwell-Thorp*, was

[2] Regist Castleac. fol. 4, 56.

[3] Reg. Pincebek. Abbat Bur. fol. 180.

father of *Richard Hovell*, who married *Frances*, daughter of *Arthur Hopton*, Esq. of *Westwood* in *Suffolk*, widow of Sir *Thomas Nevill*, and left *William* his son and heir, of *Ashfield* in *Suffolk*, who died *July* 7, 1584, by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Rowland Harsike* of *Lopham*, Esq. he was father of *William Hovell* of *Ashfield*, who married *Anne*, daughter of *Tho. Gawdy*, of *Harleston*, Esq. and *Ann Basingborn* his wife, by whom he had a son, *William* of *Statfield hall*, in *Hadley*, *Suffolk*, who took to wife, *Ann*, daughter of *Richard Turner* of *Norton*.

The CHURCH is a single pile; that and the chancel are covered with tile, and has a square tower, with one bell.

On the north wall of the chancel is a mural monument, with the effigies of a gentleman in his gown, and his wife, on their knees, thus inscribed;

The monument of Richard Hovell of Hillington, in the countie of Norfolk, Esq; being of the age of 77 years and upwards, finished his course the 30th of November, 1611, in peace with God, in charity with all men, and now resteth here with expectation of the Resurrection, in assurance of eternal glorification. Margery Hovell, wife of the aforesaid Richard Hovell, Esq; deceased, and one of the daughters and heyres of John Ford, of Frating, in the countie of Essex, Esq; who having lyved vertuously and comfortably with her said husband, 44 years, did beare unto him 4 sonnes and 9 daughters, whereof there are yet twelve alive to her great comfort, being all growne to the perfect state of men and women.

On the summit is the shield of *Hovell*, *sable*, a crescent, *or*, impaling *Ford*, *argent*, a wolf salient, *sable*.

On another mural monument are the effigies of a man in armour, and his wife, kneeling at a desk, with the arms of *Hovell*, and *Ford*, quarterly, impaling, *or*, on a bend, *vert*, three bucks heads, caboshed, *argent*, *Fernley*.

At the north-east corner of the chancel is an altar tomb of marble, and iron rails before it, with the arms of *Folkes*, *vert*, a flower-de-lis, and *Hovel*, in an escotcheon of pretence; the crest, an arm erect, holding a spear.

Here lyes the body of Martin Folkes, late of Hillington, in the county of Norfolk, Esq; who was born the 28th day of August, 1640, *and died the 17th day of February*, 1705.

On a gravestone,

Lillius Hovell, filius Guli. Hovell militis, et uxoris ejus, Etheldredæ obt. 3 die Maij Ao. Domi. 1664, *ætatis suæ die 24to.*

Thomas, the second son of Sir Will. Hovell, and Dame Etheldreda his wife, born the last day of Febr. 1667, *and died the 14th day of October*, 1668.

Hic jacet corpus Gulielmi Hovell, militis, qui obt. 4 die Martij. ao. 1669, *ætatis suæ* 33; and the arms of *Hovell*.

William Posthumus, the younger son of Sir William Hovell, Knight, and Dame Etheldreda his wife, born the 8th of August, 1670, *and dyed the 12th of April*, 1671.

Maria conjux Johis. Novell, rectoris hujus ecclesiæ, obt. Nov. 28, 1706.

HOVELL'S PEDIGREE.

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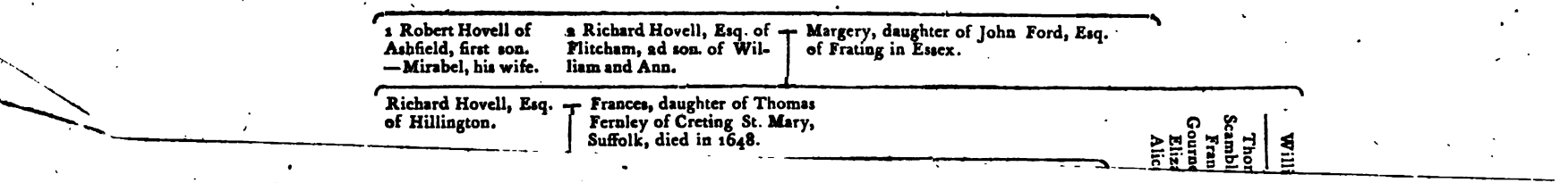


Richard Hovell, Esq; son to Sir Richard Hovell, of Hillington, died Oct. 23, in 1715, aged 70.

To this church belonged two rectors, each having a mediety; the one was called the patronage of *Ralph Cyrezy*, the other that of *John Blome*,[4] each valued at 8 marks, and paid *Peter*-pence, 6*d*. the one was in the patronage of that lordship, which *Berner* held at the conquest, the other in that which was held by *Eudo*, son of *Spiruwin*.

RECTORS.

In the 35th of *Henry* III. *William* was rector of a mediety, and witness to a deed of Sir *Hugh Gernegan*.

1301, *Adam de Werlingham*, by Sir *Roger Fitz-Peter Fitz-Osbert*, Knt. to a mediety.

1306, *John de Melles*, by Sir *John de Thorp*, to a mediety.

1323, *Peter Grimston*, by the Lady *Cecilia*, relict of Sir *Robert Ufford*, to a mediety

1335, *William Fitz-Thomas de Birston*, by *John*, son of Sir *Robert de Thorp*, to a mediety.

1340, *Hugh de Irmingland*, by *John Aubyn*, of *Hillington*, and *Margaret* his wife, to a mediety.

1349, *John de Mendham*, by *Robert Ufford*, Earl of *Suffolk*, to a mediety.

1349, *William Gery*, by *John Aubyn*, to a mediety.

1352, *John Lucas*, by *ditto*.

1377, *John Boveyre de Combes*, *William Ufford*, Earl of *Suffolk*.

1412, *William Cranmere*, by *William* and *George Irmingland*.

1414, *Simon Tichemarsh*, on an exchange for *Bawsey*, by *ditto*.

In 1419, *March* 22, the two medieties were united and consolidated, by the consent of the Bishop and patrons, and *Tichemarsh* resigned.

1420, *Richard Irmingland*, by *Catherine Irmingland*, rector of both medieties.

1440, *Richard Cosin*, by *William Irmingland*, Esq.

1455, *William Hober*, by the Lord *Thomas de Scales*.

1479, *Riverus de Colonia*, a monk, by *Anthony* Earl *Rivers*, Lord *Scales*.

R. Iscalt.

1495, *Patrick Kirkham*, by *John* Earl of *Oxford*.

1497, *John Bellamy*, by *ditto*.

1506, *William Wilson*. *Ditto*.

1540, *William Watson*, by Sir *Christopher Jenny*, (assignee of *Anthony Wingfield*,) a judge of the King's Bench.

1541, *Thomas Lightfote*, by *John Novell*, of *Snape*, *Norfolk*.

1545, *John Percevall*, by the assignees of Lady *Ursula Knightly*.

1551, *Thomas Armitage*, by the assignees of Sir *Anthony Wingfield*, Knt.

1572, *John Rysheton*, by the assignees of *John Nevill* Lord *Latimer*.

[4] Ralph Cyrez occurs rector in 1282, as appears from the register of the priory of Lewes, and it's probable that John Blomes was then rector of the other mediety.

1610, *Edward Skevington*, by *Richard Hovell*, Esq.
1627, *George Robinson*, by *ditto*.
1651, *Jeremy Spilman*, by *ditto*.
1670, *Edmund Turner*, by *Etheldreda Hovell*, widow.
1670, *John May*. *Ditto*.
1700, *John Novell*, by *Charles Stewart*, Esq.
1728, *Martin Challis*, by *Martin Folkes*, Esq. on the death of *Novell*.
1758, *William Nelson*, on *Challis's* death, by Sir *Simon Stuart*, Bart.

The present valor is 13*l*. 6*s*. 8*d*. and pays first fruits and tenths.

In this church was the guild of St. *John*.

In 1349, there was a composition made between the prior of *Lewes* and the rector, for the portion of tithes of the demeans of *Roger de Pavely*, granted by the prior to the rector, and his successours, on the payment of 13*s*. 4*d*. *per ann*. to *Lewis* priory.

I find about the year 1600, that the site of the rectory-house, with the yards, orchards, gardens, &c. contained 5 acres, and that there was of pasture and meadow, 9 acres, of arable 50 acres and a rood, and 5 acres and a rood lay in the sheep-walk.

ISLINGTON.

THIS village is wrote in *Domesday* Book, *Islingetuna, Esingatuna, Isingetuna*, and derives its name from its site, near to the river *Ouse*, (called by the Britons *Isse*, or *Ise*,) on meadows.

Bundo, a considerable thane in the reign of the Confessor, held lordships in this town, *Middleton*, and *Reinham*, in *Norfolk*, which the Confessor gave to *Hugh de Montfort*: this consisted of two carucates of land, 8 borderers, 15 acres of meadow, and 2 carucates in demean, and half a carucate amongst the tenants; eleven socmen also belonged to it, with a carucate and 30 acres of land. *Stigand*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, in his own right, as a lay fee, had the soc of five of them; the whole was valued at 5*l*. *per ann*. They also had half a carucate of land, and there were 4 borderers, with a carucate and 40 acres of meadow, which is valued in the above 5*l*. *per ann*.[s]

The family of *Lisewis* seems to be early enfeoffed of this, and from them it came to the two families of the *Scales*, and *Inglethorps*, or *Ingaldesthorps*, each of them holding a moiety of it, as they did of the manor of *Reineham*; of this see in *Rainham*.

[s] Terr. Hug. de Monteforti.—In Ilsinghetuna ii car. t're. ten. Bundo T. R. E. sep. viii bor. et xv ac. p'ti. tc. ii car. in d. sep. dim. car. ho'u'. huic man. jac. xi soc. sep. i car. et xxx ac. de v ht. Stigand. soca totu' val. c sol. In ead. tenent dem, d. car. t'te. sep. iiii bor. tc. i car. sep. xl ac. p'ti. et e. app'tiata in sup'ioribi & sol.

SCALES MANOR.

Of the antiquity of this family, its descent and possessions, &c. see at large in *Middleton*.

In the 11th year of King *Henry* III. it was agreed between *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*, and *Robert de Scales*,[6] that the said *Robert* should have to him and his heirs, the advowson of the church of *Islington*; and in the 31st of the said King, a fine was levied between *Adam*, son of *Alan*, (probably *de Wigenhale*,) and *Thomas Thussard*, querents, *Robert de Scales*, *Fraer* (or *Frederick*) *de Chercvill*, *Roland* and *John de l'Frith*, *Ralph Frevill*, *Richard*, son of *Godfrey*, *Henry de Clenchwarton*, *Thomas de Sculcham*, *Martin*, son of *Gosceline*, &c. the said *Robert*, *Fraer*, &c. injustly diverted a water-course, in *Islington*, and *Tilney*, &c. to the hurt of their free tenement, and a water-course was allowed them.

Robert de Scales was found to hold, in the 3d of *Edward* I. in this town, *Tilney*, *Clenchwarton*, *Wygenhale*, *Howe*, &c. one knight's fee, and a quarter, and to have assise of bread, &c.

And in the 33d of that King, it appears that he held a capital messuage in *Islington*, 90 acres of land, 5 of meadow, 40 of pasture, and 66*s.* rent *per ann.* of the castle of *Dover*, and 80 acres of land here, of *Thomas Hauvile*, by the service of 9*s.* and 6*d. per ann.*

And *Richard Rigges*, and *Emma* his wife, held in the 12th of *Edward* II. two carucates of land here, in *Tilney*, and *South Lynn*, of the Lord *Scales*.

On the death of *Robert de Scales*, in the 18th of *Edward* II. he was found to hold this lordship of the honour of *Bologne*, by one fee, and paying 10*s per ann.* ward, to *Dover* castle.

John Devereux, constable of *Dover* castle, and keeper of the *Cinque ports*, on the 5th of *January*, in the 12th year of *Richard* II. received of *William Tydeman*, receiver of the castle, 25*s.* of the ward of *Robert de Scales*, in this town, *Middleton*, *Howe*, &c. for 2 knights fees and an half, and for default of payment for 28 days, 70*s.* at 2*s.* 6*d.* per day; and in the 4th of *Henry* VI. *Robert* Lord *Scales* was found to have died seized of it, leaving *Robert* his son and heir, aged 6 years; and the said *Robert* dying unmarried, it came to his brother *Thomas* Lord *Scales*, and by his only daughter and heir, *Elizabeth*, to *Anthony Woodvile*, (by marriage,) Earl *Rivers*, and Lord *Scales*; and having no issue, to the *Oxford* family, (*John de Vere*, Earl of *Oxford*,) and to the family of *Tyndale*, on the accession of King *Henry* VII. to the crown, as heirs to the late Lady *Elizabeth Scales*, as may be seen in *Middleton*; but *Richard* III. on the attainder of *Anthony* Lord *Scales*, &c. aforesaid, had granted it to his great favourite, *John*, Duke of *Norfolk*, in his 2d year,[7] which grant was then set aside, that Duke being attainted.

In the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, *John Tyndal* had license to alienate it to *William Tyndal* and his heirs; afterwards it came to the *Southwells*.

Francis Southwell, and *Barbara* his wife, held in the 9th of Queen

[6] Plita apd. Westm. Hillar.

[7] Feb. 1, ao. 2 Richard III.

Elizabeth, the manor of *Islington*, 40 messuages, 20 cottages, 200 acres of land, 300 acres of pasture, 100 of meadow, 10 acres of wood, with the appurtenances in this town, *Clenchwarton*, and *Tilney*, in *capite*, and died 10th *November*, in the 24th of *Elizabeth*.

Miles Southwell, Esq. held the same in the 30th of the said reign, in which year, about *Easter*, (as it seems,) it was conveyed by him to Sir *John Willoughby*, Knt. of *Risley* in *Derbyshire*; which *Miles* was son of *Francis Southwell*, Esq. aforesaid, aged 18 on his father's death, and had livery of it, in or about the 27th of *Elizabeth*.

Sir *John Willoughby* was son of Sir *George Willoughby*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter and heir of *Richard Neale*, of *Wigenhale*, St. *Mary Magdalen*, which Sir *George*, died *January* 10, 1598, aged 80, and *Elizabeth* his lady, *August* 24, 1592, aged 76. Sir *John*, by *Frances* his wife, daughter and heir of *Henry Hawes* of *Helgey*, in *Norfolk*, had Sir *Henry Willoughby*, who alienated it by license, *November* 19, in the 9th of King *James* I. to *William Guybon*, Esq. and was held by Sir *Francis Guybon*, in 1700, whose son and heir *William Guybon*, Esq. of *Thursford*, in *Norfolk*, conveyed it to *Anthony Diron*, Gent. and *Joseph Dixon* gave it to his nephew, *Thomas Dixon*, Esq. the present lord.

INGALDESTHORP'S MANOR.

John de Ingaldesthorp was lord in the 3d year of King *Edward* I. and in the 11th of that King, died seized of it, and several rents of assise. In the first year of King *Edward* III. *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp* held it by the 3d part of a fee, as of the honour of *Hawley*, and the service of 40*d. per ann.* to *Dover* castle.

On the inquisition after his death, in the 2d year of the said King, he is said to have held it in *capite* of the said honour, and it extended into *Tilney*, and *Clenchwarton*. In the 8th of that King, *John*, his son and heir, paid 33*s.* 4*d.* relief, for this manor.

Sir *Edmund de Ingaldesthorp* was the last heir male of this family, and dying in or about 1456, left one daughter and heir, *Isabell*, married to *John Nevill* Marquis *Montacute*, by whom she had 2 sons, *John*, who died young, and *George Nevill* Duke of *Bedford*, who dying without issue, the estate of the *Ingaldesthorps* was divided amongst his five sisters and coheirs, as in *Tilney*.

This was part of *Kenwick* manor in *Wigenhale*, St. *Mary Magdalen*, and extends here, as the manor also of *West Walton*, does.

BISHOP OF ELY'S MANOR.

Saint *Audrey* (that is the monastery of Ely) had one carucate of land here in King *Edward's* time, at the survey half a carucate, with 2 villains, 2 borderers, 20 acres of meadow, 2 salt-pits; 18 socmen belonged to this manor, with 17 acres and an half; the whole was valued at 16s.[s]

[s] Terra S'ce Adeldrede ——— In p'ti. ii sal. huic manerio jacent xviii soc. Esingatuna ten. S.A. i car. t're. T.R.E. de xvii ac. et dim. totu' val. xvi sol. tc. i car. mo. dim. ii vill. ii bor. xx ac.

In the account of the lands of *William Grey* Bishop of *Ely*, in the 34th of *Henry* VI. it appears that this manor here and in *Tilney* was worth 157*l.* 16*s.* 6*d. per ann.*

In the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, it was by act of parliament conveyed to the Crown, and in the 21st of *James* I. was part of the possessions of *Charles* Prince of *Wales*.

EARL OF CLARE'S MANOR.

William de Scohies had a manor granted him by the Conqueror, in this town, which *Scula*, a freeman, held in King *Edward's* time, as a manor, and it consisted of 2 carucates of land, 3 villains, 7 borderers; formerly there were 2 carucates in demean, at the survey but one, and 10 acres of meadow, 100 sheep, &c. seven soemen belonged to it, with 12 acres, valued formerly at 40*s.* at the survey at 60*s. per ann.*

The said *William de Scohies* had also here, of the gift of the Conqueror, another lordship, which *Turchill*, a freeman, held in King *Edward's* reign, of half a carucate, and 3 borderers held then half a carucate, now 2 bovates, 40 acres of meadow, and the moiety of a salt-pit, valued then at 10*s.* now at 20*s.* all *Islingetuna* is one leuca long, and half a one broad, and pays 12*d.* of a 20 shillings gelt.[9]

These lordships extended into *Tilney*, *Walpole*, &c. continued most likely in the tenure of *Scohies*, during his life, and after came to *Walter Giffard*, the first Earl of *Buckingham*. *Walter*, the 2d of that name, Earl of *Buckingham*, was lord in the reign of King *Stephen*, and on his founding the abbey of *Nutley* in *Buckinghamshire*, gave a portion of tithe, belonging to his lordship here and in *Tilney*, to that house, as he did likewise at *Midleton*; and from this Earl, by the marriage of a daughter, (as is said) it came to the Earl of *Clare*.

This church seems to be held by several parceners. In the 12th of *Henry* III. *Gilbert de Fransham* and *Maud* his wife, conveyed by fine to *William de Scultham*, and his heirs, one mark rent in *Tilney*; and *Thomas de Scoultham*, *Bartholomew le Noreys*, in a plea brought against them, by *Richard*, son of *Walter de Wygenhale*, for digging of turf in the manor or marsh of *Tilney*, alleged that they had only a right of commonage therein, and that the soil was in *Roger* Earl of *Clare* and *Gloucester*, the Bishop of *Ely*, and *P. de Sabaudia*.[1]

Thomas de Werlington, and *Elizabeth* his wife, convey to *William de Scultham*, a mark's rent, with the homages, services of divers persons in this town, *Tylney*, *Wigenhale*, &c.

Of this lordship see the Earl of *Clare's* fee in *Clenchwarton* and *Tilney*.

[9] Terra Willi de Scohies.——Ilsingetuna tenuit. Scula lib. ho. T. R. E. p. man. p. ii car. t're. mo. tenet W. in d'nio. sep. iii vill. vii bor. tc. ii car. in d'nio. p. et mo. i. x ac. p'ti. c. ov. tc. xxx por. mo. xvi hic jacent vii soc. xii ac. tc. val. xl sol. mo. lx.

In Ilsingetuna tenuit Turchill lib. ho. T.R.E. dim. car. t're. mo. W. in d'nio. sep. iii bor. tc. dim. car. mo. ii bov. xl ac. p'ti. et dim. sal. tc. val. x sol. mo. xx sol. Tota Ilsingetuna ht. i leug. in long. et dim. leu. in lat. et reddit xxiid. de xx sol. de g.

[1] Plita de Jur. et Assis. ao. Hen. III. Rot. 33.

LORD BARDOLF'S MANOR.

At the survey *Hermerus de Ferrariis*, lord of *Wrongey*, had a considerable manor, of which *Turchetel* was deprived, consisting of one carucate and an half of land, 4 villains, and 11 borderers, 2 carucates in demean, half a carucate among the tenants, 10 acres of meadow, a church endowed with 2 acres, the moiety of a salt-work, 4 cows, &c. valued at 60*s.* and 15 freemen belonged to it in King *Edward's* time, who had 30 acres; there was also a carucate and 4 acres of meadow, valued then at 15*s.* at the survey at 10*s.*

The predecessor of *Hermerus* had the protection of them, and they might leave it, paying 2*s.*; but *Stigand* had the soc, the royalty or court baron.

Hermerus had also invaded or seized on 6 acres of land, valued at 12*d.* which 2 freemen held of *William de Scohies.*[a]

The chief lordship in this town, was that of *Hugh de Montfort's*, abovementioned, held by the Lord *Scales*, and the *Ingaldesthorps.*

This lordship of *Hermerus* had most probably its site in this town, and therefore is here accounted for, but the principal tenures and lands belonging to it, lay in *Tilney*, and the church here mentioned, was the church of *Tilney*, the church of *Islington* belonging absolutely to *Montfort's* fee, as appears from the presentations. What is to be observed of this lordship, I shall treat of at large under the lordship of the Lords *Bardolph*, in *Tilney*, to which lords the manor of *Hermerus* descended as will be shown.

William Howard, *William Battail*, and *Robert de Caston*, held the 3d part of a fee of the Lord *Bardolf*, in the reign of *Edward* I. See in *Terrington*, and also *Tilney*,

RICHMOND'S FEE.

In *Islington*, *Alan* Earl of *Richmond* had a carucate of land held by *Rolf*, a freeman, before the conquest: to this there belonged 6 borderers, and 2 freemen had 2 acres and an half, there was always a carucate, 3 salt-works, and the moiety of another, with 16 acres of meadow, valued at 20*s.*[a]

The Bishop of *Baieaux* (*Odo*) had this on the forfeiture (rebellion)

[a] Terre Hermeri—In Isingetuna ten. sep. Turcheteli car. et dim. terre, semp. iiii vill. et xi bord. tc. ii car. in d'nio. mo. i sep. dim. car. hom. et x ac. p'ti. ecclia ii ac. et dim. saline semp. iiii an. tc. xx porc. mo. iii tc. cxx ovs. mo. c. semp. val. lx sol. huic man. jac. T.R.E. et mo. xv libi. ho'es. de xxx ac. semp. i car. et iiii ac. pti. tc. val. xv sol. mo. x de h. hab. ant. com'dat. et possent reced'e si darent ii sol. Stigandus habuit soca.

Invasio Hermeri de Ferrariis——In Ilsingatuna tenuit Will. de Scohies ii lib'os. hoes. de vi ac. val. xii*d.*

[a] Terr. Alani. Comitis——In Ilsingetuna i car. t're. ten. Rolf. lib. ho. temp. R.E. semp. vi bord. et ii libi. ho'es ii ac. et dim. semp. i car. et iii saline, et dim. et xvi ac. p'tu. et val. xx sol. hanc t'ram habuit. eps. Baioc. ea die qua Comes Rad. forisfec. dimidia'. mo. ht. Comes Alan. in sua parte, et Ivo Taillebosc lib'avit. In ead. tenet Gausfrid i lib'm hom. i car. t're. et vii bord. semp. i car et i lib. ho. et dim. x ac. t're. et i salina, xii ac. p'ti. totu' val. xx sol.

of *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk*, and *Alan* the Earl had half of it for his part: *Ivo Taillebosc* gave him livery of it.

Jeffrey has in the same town, a freeman, with a carucate of land, and 7 borderers; there was always one carucate, and a freeman, and the right of a moiety of another, with 10 acres of land, 12 of meadow, and a salt-work, the whole valued at 20*s.*

This lordship also extended into *Tilney*. *John*, son of *Wygenhale*, *John Hakebech*, and their tenants, held 3 parts of a fee here, in *Tilney* and *Wigenhale*, of the honour of *Richmond*, in *Henry* the Third's reign; and in that of King *Edward* III. *Thomas Fitz-George*, *John de Wigenhale*, the abbot of *Derham*, and the prior of *Westacre*, held the fourth part of a fee, in the aforesaid towns, and *South Lynn*, of *Ralph Nevill*. *John* Duke of *Bedford* died seized of it in *capite*, in the 14th of *Henry* VI. held by *George* Lord *Latymer*, as part of *Richmond* honour.

ABBOT OF BURY'S AND BROUGHTON'S MANOR.

The abbot of *Bury*, or St. *Edmund*, had a lordship here, before the reign of the Confessor. In the survey we find this account of it, that there was one carucate and 25 villains, one carucate in demean, and one among the tenants, 20 acres of meadow, 4 cows, 80 sheep, and 6 socmen in *Lynn*, belonged to it, who had 26 acres of land, with one carucate and a salt-work, valued at 40*s.*[4]

This was a beruite belonging to the abbot's manor of *Rungton*, in *Clacklose* hundred.

Sampson, abbot of *Bury*, on the foundation of the hospital of St. *Saviour's* without the town of *Bury*, in the reign of *Hen.* II. gave to that hospital, two parts of the tithes of his lordship here and in *Tilney*, and in the 9th of *Edward* I. *John*, abbot of *Bury*, demised to *William de Saham*, clerk, for life, one messuage, with the demean lands, meadow, and pasture, a windmill, suit of the abbot's tenants to it; saving to the abbot, the homages, rents, services, of his freemen and villains, paying 20*l.* sterling; witnesses, Sir *Ralph de Alneto*, Sir *William de Walpole*, Sir *Robert de Northwold*, Sir *William de Tirington*, Sir *Philip de Fenne*, Sir *Ralph de Wirham*, Sir *Adam de Talbot*, Knights, *Robert Russell*, *William de Bradenham*, *James de Fenne Alexander de Walpole*, &c. And in the Register of the Sacrist, it is observed, that the monks had no deeds, or memorandum, of the time or person who gave this lordship.[5] In the 30th of the said King there was an extent of it, whereby it appears, that there was a capital messuage belonging to it, and 127 acres of arable land, in demean, valued at 11*l.* 6*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* the price of every acre, 20*d.* 50 acres of meadow in demean, valued at 6*l.* 5*s.* at 2*s.* 6*d.* per acre; a windmill of 40*s.* *per ann.*; 53 tenants who paid 61*s.* 10*d.* *per ann.* with several other free tenants, with rents and services, &c.; and in 1428, the temporalities of this abbey were valued at 23*l.* 13*s.* *ob.* *per ann.*

[4] In Ilsingetuna ten. S'cs. E. i car. T. R. E. sep. xxv vill. i car. in d'nio. i car. hom. xx ac. p'ti iiii ann. lxx ov. Huic manerio jacent vi soc. in Lena xxvi ac. t're. sep. i car. et i sal. val. xl sol.

[5] Regist. Abb. Bur. Pincebek, fol. 221, Reg. Abb. Bur. fol. 168, et Reg. Sacr.

In the 17th *of Edward* IV. *John Broughton*, Esq. and *Anne* his wife, conveyed in trust, to *Thomas* Bishop of *Lincoln*, *John* Bishop of *Rochester*, and *Horwode*, clerk, of the privy seal, this lordship here and in *Tilney*, with the ferry between *Old* and *New Lenn*; and the said *Anne* died seized of it, *ao.* 20, then a widow; and in the 5th of *Henry* VII. *John Broughton* died seized, held of the abbot of *Bury*.

On the feast of St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*, *ao.* 21 *Henry* VIII. *John*, son of *John Broughton*, Esq. dying a minor, *Catherine* and *Anne* his his sisters had livery of it, with *Saxlingham* manor in *Norfolk*.

Anne, their mother, remarried Sir *John Russell*; and *Thomas Strange*, Esq. by the marriage of *Anne*, one of the sisters, had a moiety of it.

In the 30th of *Henry* VIII. Sir *Walter Hobart* demised it to *Humphrey Carvile*, Gent. for 10 years, paying 16*l. per ann.* and *John Hobart* had an interest in it, *ao.* 2 *Elizabeth*. After this it was in the *Thurstons*, and *John Thurston*, Esq. of *Hoxne* in *Suffolk*, conveyed it to Sir *Richard Brown*, Bart. who died seized of it (and in that family it remains) 1760.

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Mary*, has a nave, a cross isle and a chancel covered with reed; the tower is four-square, and stands at the south part of the church, and through it is a passage into the church, and there are two bells.

It was anciently a rectory valued at 18 marks: it was appropriated to the priory of *Blackburgh*, (on a grant of the lord *Scales*,) in the 22d or 24th of *Edward* III. and a vicarage was then settled, valued at 5 marks, *Peter*-pence was 13*d.* the present valor is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and is discharged of first fruits and tenths.

In a window was the portraiture of *Roger* Lord *Scales*, on his knees, in complete armour, with a scroll in his right hand, thereon—*Jesu Fili dei miserer* * * * * * * *. with his arms—*gules*, six escallops, *argent*, impaling, *ermin*, a cross ingrailed, *gules*, the arms of his Lady, *Joan*, daughter of Sir *Robert Norwood*, with *Scales's* crest, a plume of ostrich's feathers *argent*, issuing out of a coronet, *or*.—Also the arms of *Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk*, *sable*, a cross ingrailed, *or*.

Robert Lord *Scales*, who gave this church to the priory of *Blackburgh*, married *Catherine*, daughter of *Robert Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk*; here were also the arms of *Inglethorp*, and of *Fellbrigg*, and these verses,

Anno Milleno Domini C. Ter, Nonagens
Unus addatur Numerus bonus, ut videatur.

Here are grave-stones

In memory of Fran. Hoope, yeoman, who died June 30, 1591,

Richard Saye, who died March 15, 1625

Nicholas Edwards, Gent: and Ann his wife, he died Dec. 3, 1701, *she Oct.* 29, 1688, with the arms of *Edwards*, *ermin*, a lion rampant *azure*, on a canton, *or*, an eagle displayed, *sable*.

VICARS, &c.

1309, *Hugh de Gransete*, instituted rector, presented by Sir *Robert de Schales.*
1312, *Richard Leye.* *Ditto.*
1314, *Hugh de Gransete.* *Ditto.*
1320, *Robert de Tilney.* *Ditto.*
1322, *William de Hauberford.* *Ditto.*
1323, *John de Betham.* *Ditto.*
1362, *John Marlere*, vicar, presented by the prioress of *Blackburgh.*
1383, *William Battaile.* *Ditto.*
1387, *John Cook.* *Ditto.*
1393, *John de Ilsington.* *Ditto.*

Henry Bishop of *Norwich*, *April* 3, 1387, settled the vicarage at 10*l. per ann.* and reserved an annual pension of 16*s. per ann.* to the see, which Bishop *Thirbby* released to the King, in 1550, and 2*s. per ann.* to the high-altar of *Norwich.*

1429, *Richard Salisbury.* *Ditto.*
1431, *Henry Cay.* *Ditto.*
1442, *Thomas Geyton.*
1451, *Roger Ashby.* *Ditto*
1461, *John Doughty.* *Ditto.*
1481, *Robert Todde.* *Ditto.*
1500, *Thomas Ketyll.* *Ditto.*
1504, *John Parsey.* *Ditto.*
1511, *Thomas Tutyng.* *Ditto.*
1517, *Robert Bretton.* *Ditto.*
1519, *Thomas Sympson*, by the King; the prioress had presented *William Compton*, who was set aside, as not qualified.
1538, *John Skott*, by the King,
1572, *Marmaduke Neve*, by the Queen, who on *July* 2, in her 2d year, granted the impropriate rectory to *John Harrington* and *George Burdon.*

John Crosse, vicar.
1585, *Lancelot Stephenson*, by the Queen.
1623, *William Selby*, by the King.
1662, *George Vernon.* *Ditto.*

Richard Bowker, vicar.
1667, *Thomas Wild.* *Ditto.*
1692, *Edmund Wase.* *Ditto.*
1700, *Thomas Meyers.* *Ditto.*
1715, *Henry Herdman*, by the King.
1724, *Jerem. Brown.* *Ditto.*
1727, *Joseph Barker*, by the King.
1755, *John Daville*, by the King.

The temporalities of *West Derham* abbey in 1428, were 3*s.* 10*d.*—*Westacre* priory 1*l.* 14*s.* 9*d.* *William de Wygenhale* aliened to it a messuage and lands in *Tilney*, *Ao.* 7 *Edward* II.—*Walsingham* priory, 2*s.*—*Wirmegey* priory 7*d.*—*Norwich* priory, 8*s.* 4*d.*

The tenths were 7*l.* 10*s. per ann.*

In the 8th of *Edward* II. a fine was levied, whereby *Thomas de*

Hindringham and *John Grace* conveyed to *Robert de Watervill* and *Alice* his wife, 6 messuages and several parcels of lands in *Ilsington*, *South Lenn*, *Saddlebow*, *Seche*, &c. settled on *Robert* and *Alice*; and before this, Sir *Thomas Baud*, or *Burgh*, gave to *Walter de Maydston*, clerk, all his lands, &c. which he had here in *Clenchwarton*, and *Wigenhale*, and paid scutage for the 8th part of a fee in the 17th of *Edward* I. and *Bartholomew*, son of *Wydo de Tylney*, held this 8th part of Sir *Thomas*.

Queen *Elizabeth*, on *June* 7, in her 12th year, demised the manor of *New-hall*, valued at 10*l.* 14*s.* 1*d. per ann.* (part of the lands assigned to Queen *Mary*, before she came to the crown) to *Thomas Lovell*, Gent. with the site of the manor of *New-hall* in *Islington*, &c. demised to *Reginald Brereton*, under the great seal, on *January* 23, *Ao.* 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*.

LYNN.

THIS ancient town takes its name from the *Britons*. In the grand survey, or book of *Domesday*, it is wrote *Lena*, and *Lun*, and in the foundation deed of *William de Warrenna* (Earl *Warren*) of the priory of *Lewes* in *Sussex*, in the reign of King *William* I. *Lunea*. In the *British* language it signifies a pool, or lake. *Giraldus Cambrensis* calls *Lhyn Savathan* in *Wales*, *Lacus Magnus*, a great lake. *Leland* in his Itinerary, and *Camden* give the same interpretation, and *Selden* in his notes on *Drayton's* Polyolbion confirms the same.[6]

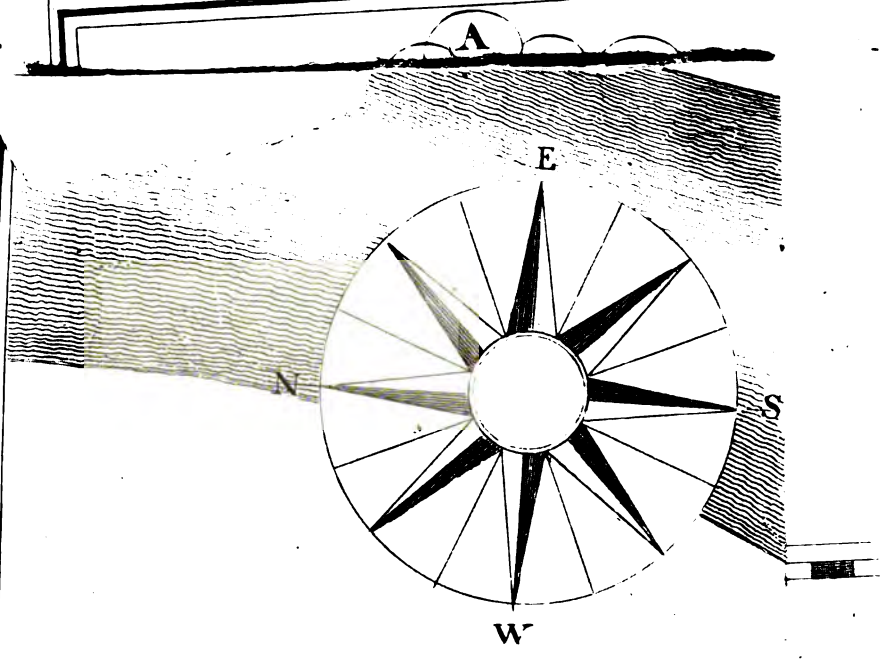
That the same word was used in the same sense by other nations, appears from the town of *Lyn* in *Suitland*, and *Lunden* in *Denmark*, also a city in *Sweden*, and that the site of *Lynn Regis* is agreeable to, and answers the derivation abovementioned, in a good measure at present, and more so in ancient days, is evident.

Camden was of opinion that the town was not of any antiquity, but sprung up out of the ruins of what is called *Old Lynn*, or *West Lynn*, which lies on the west and opposite side of the great river *Ouse*, and with Sir *Henry Spelman*, supposes it to be called in the time of the *Saxons*, *Maydenburg*, importing, the *Maiden's-Bowre*, *Virginis Sacrarium et velut Thalamus*, the chapel, or retiring place of the Virgin, that is of St. *Margaret* the Virgin, the tutelar saint, or patroness of the town, but that it ever was so called is *gratis dictum*, and the interpretation of *Mayden-Bowre*, quite erroneus and fanciful.

Magdeburgh, or *Maydenburgh*, a city of *Germany*, seated on the *Elbe*, is indeed by historians called *Parthenopolis*, and *Virginopolis*, which words literally interpreted, signify a *Maiden's-Town*, but *Heylen* justly calls this a mungrel word made up of *Greek* and *Latin*,[7]

[6] Leland's Itin. v. 5. p. 44. p. Thomas Hearne. Poly-Olbion, p. 78.

[7] Heylen's Cosmogr. p. 91. lib. 2.



CHURCHES, PUBLIC BUILDIN

A St Margarets Church.
B All Saints Church.
C St Nicholas's Chapel.
D St James's D^o or Work house.
E The Grammar School.
F St Austin Friars.
G The Black Friars.
H The White Friars.
I Grey Friars Steeple.
K The Ladies Mount.
L The Guild Hall.
M 'Change or Custom House.
N Hospital
O The Mar
P Kings S
Q Common
R St Ann
S An Oil

and is by no means a true derivation of *Magdeburgh*, which is a *Saxon* name, taken from its site, as was the custom in the *Saxon* age, and before. *May*, or *Mag*, signifies some considerable water, or river, thus *Mayence*, or *Mentz*, a city in *Germany*, on the *Rhyne*, and *Maestrict*, seated on the river *Maes*, &c. *Den*, bespeaks a low situation, in a valley, and *Bowre*, is from *Bow-Re*, that is where the water makes a bow, a turn or winding; of the same derivation is the town of *Maidenhead*, or *Maydenhethe* in *Berkshire*, on the confluence of the *Thames* and the *Kennet*.

Etymologists have been very deficient on this subject: they relate that this town assumed its name from the head of one of those eleven thousand virgins, or Maidens' Heads, who suffered with St. *Ursula*, which head was had in great veneration and worshipped in the said town of *Maydenhead*;[8] but *Sirmondus*, a learned jesuit, has exposed this stale monkish tradition and fiction, and shewn that *Ursula*, and *Undecimilla* were 2 virgin saints and martyrs, and the name of *Undecimilla* came through the ignorance of some transcriber to be wrote and changed into *Undecem Millia*, that is in English 11000, and thus by one stroke of the pen, so great a number of virgins were canonized.

And that the real and true derivation of *Maydenhead* was as I have above observed, is confirmed by what *Leland* says,[9] that its ancient name was *South Ailington*, which signifies a town lying by the water, or in watery meadows.

At this *Maydenburgh*, as some have fancied *Lynn* to have been called, they also suppose St. *Edmund* the King of the *East Angles* landed, when he came out of *Germany* about the year 870, but why *Lynn* should be thus called at that time, and not so in the time of the Confessor *A°*. 1043, but should lose the name of *Maydenburgh* in the space of about 170 years, and be then called *Lyn*, will be a difficulty to be accounted for.

It is therefore most probable that this was altogether owing to some monkish artifice since the conquest, to magnify the ignorant passive zeal of the vulgar, for the tutelar saint of this town, St. *Margaret* the Virgin; as that was at *Maydenhead* for the 11000 virgins and saints: so that *Lynn* may be justly supposed to have retained its ancient British name without any change or alteration to this time.

Many townships in this neighbourhood owe their names to the Britons, with some small addition, as that of *Ton* by the Saxons, as I shall show under those towns, which is a proof, that the Britons had many towns and settlements here; and among them, this of *Lynn* may, on account of its advantage in site, &c. be esteemed the most considerable.

The name is not only a proof of its antiquity, but the principal lordship of the town confirms it, which was at the survey, and in the reign of the Confessor, in the see of *Elmham*, or *East-Angles*. What King gave it to that see, does not appear, but it is highly probable that *Felix*, the first Bishop of the *East-Angles*, was in possession of it and of *Elmham*, about the year 630, and *Bedwin* was Bishop of *Elmham* in 673.

That its situation answers its name and derivation appears from its

[8] Mag. Brit. and Hib. v. 1, p. 169, 4to. [9] Lel. Itin. vol. 2. p. 3.

real site, on a great level and flat filthy rich soil, close to the east side of the great river *Ouse*, which brings with it to this port, from its rise in *Northamptonshire*, the waters of *Buckingham*, *Bedford*, *Huntingdon*, and *Cambridgeshire*, with those of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, and empties itself below this port into the great *German* Ocean.

The river *Nar*, or *Sechy* river, falls also into the *Ouse*, near the south gates of *Lynn*.

The river that comes from *Ashwicken*, *Mintlyn*, &c. runs cross the town, and empties itself at *Lady Bridge*, as does the river from *Geyton* and *Lesiat* by *Purflete Bridge*.

To this we may add, that the sea meeting all these waters with great rage and violence on spring tides, and tempestuous, windy weather, forces them back, and at times occasions inundations, and more frequently in former times, before the many banks, mounds, &c. were raised which now guard and defend it, which if removed or neglected, would reduce it to its original state, and render it again as a pool or lake.

The country also on the west side of the *Ouse*, called *Marshland*, is subject, from its site, surrounded on every side with water, to be overflowed both by fresh and salt waters: before the year 1181, it was so drowned, that there was no dwelling-house or land, that any profit could be made of, in the town of *Wygenhale* St. *Mary Magdalen*, from *Bustard Dole*, to the southern bounds or end of it, except the monastery or hermitage of *Crabhouse*, or *Crab-Ouse*, but all was a sea.

The river *Nene* also used to flow directly from *Peterborough* to *Lynn*; and in the 2d of King *Edward* III. it was found to do so, till *Walter de Langton* Bishop of *Lichfield* and *Coventry*, Lord Treasurer to King *Edward* I. had 28 years last past stopped up the passage of it at *Upwell*, to drain his manor of *Coldham*; the waters that then bounded *Lynn* were called the waters of *Lynn*, and the marshes on that side, as far as *West Walton*, were called the marshes of *Lynn*.

In the 11th year of King *Edward* II. a commission of *sewers* was directed to *John de Ingaldesthorp*, and *Richard de Walsingham*, reciting that in *South Lynn*, above 500 marks damage was done on account of the defect of gutters, sewers, and drains; and in the 11th of *Edward* III. the said township was greatly damaged and impoverished, by inundations from the sea, and the loss in the country about *Lynn* was so great, that the King, in compassion, remitted their taxes.

In the 2d of *Richard* II. a commission was directed to *William Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk*, &c. on complaint of the towns of *Wygenhale*, *Islynton*, *Tilney*, *Clenchwarton*, *Watlington*, *Rungton*, *Holm*, *Sechy*, and *West Winch*, that the river *Ouse*, which ran through those townships into the sea, and was within 30 years past not above 12 perches broad, by the breaches in, and decay of the banks, was grown to the breadth of a mile; upon which, by an inquisition at *Wigenhale*, it was found that the banks on both sides of the said river were so much broken, that not only those townships, but also *South Lynn* and *Hardwick*, were in danger of being destroyed; and in 1570, on the 2d and 3d of *October*, all *Marshland* was so drowned by the sea waters, that there were not ten rods of whole sea-bank from *Old* or *West Lynn* to *Mag-*

dalen Bridge in *Wigenhale*; and on *November* 1, 1613, the sea broke in with such violence, on *Marshland*, that the damage was estimated at 37862*l.* and many inundations have been since that tim

On the south-east parts of this town, from the hamlet of *Hardwick*, (which signifies a turn of water at the point of hard land) to the south gates of *Lynn*, is raised a long and broad substantial causey over the marsh, as a security (as well as a road) against the waters on that side; and between *Hardwick* and *West Winch*, is a considerable ditch and bank (anciently called *Green Dike*) joining to the aforesaid causey; and like banks, &c. may be observed to the east and north-east parts of the said town, as far as *Gaywood* bridge.

Such a situation as this was particularly made choice of, on account of the difficulty of access in time of danger, or approach of an enemy; being easily fortified and defended: and on account of trade, ease, and conveniency of importing and exporting all manner of goods and merchandise, to and from foreign countries. Such a situation as this *Camillus*, the Roman Dictator, applauded and boasted of in his speech to the citizens of Old *Rome*, and encouraged them to keep possession of it, and not to desert it, when the Gauls had sacked it.——*Non sine causa Dij, Hominesq. hunc urbi condendæ locum elegerunt, flumen enim opportunem, quo ex mediterraneis locis fruges devehantur, quo maritimi commeatus accipiantur. Mare vicinum ad commoditates, nec expositum nimia propinquitate ad periculum classium exterarum.*[9]

Having thus treated on the name and site of this Burgh, the next particular that offers itself, will be to consider the ancient tenures or lordships of it; the most ancient and authentic account of this, is from the Conqueror's book of *Domesday*, made in the year 1085, at which time, and in the Confessor's, this town, with the townships or hamlets of West, North, and South *Lynn*, we find to be all included under the general name of *Lena*, and *Lun*, the distinction of West, North, and South not being till some centuries after, as will appear under the history of those places.

In this most valuable book we learn that *Ralph* Lord *Tony* had a lordship in *Lena*, which *Harold* held in King *Edward's* time, and which he lost with his crown, at the battle of *Hastings*; this was South *Lynn*.

Ralph Lord *Baynard*, had in *Lena*, a lordship, this also was in South *Lynn*, and extended into the other hamlets.

Hermer de Ferrarjis had in *Lun*, a lordship; this was in West *Lynn*, and also extended into the other hamlets.

Rainald, son of *Ivo*, had a lordship in *Lena*, which extended into all the hamlets.

The abbot also of *Bury*, had in *Lena* a lordship; this was North *Lynn*.

These are the only lordships (with some few particulars that are to be found relating to them) that occur under the name of *Lena*, and *Lun*, and of those I shall treat at large, in their proper place.

But none of these lords were the chief, or capital lords of that part of *Lena* or *Lynn*, which is now called the *Burgh*: the two great lords of that in the Confessor's reign, were *Agelmare* Bishop of *Elmham*, as lord of *Geywode*, in right of that see, and *Stigand*, as lord of the manor

[9] Livy Decad. 1 lib. 5. c. 54.

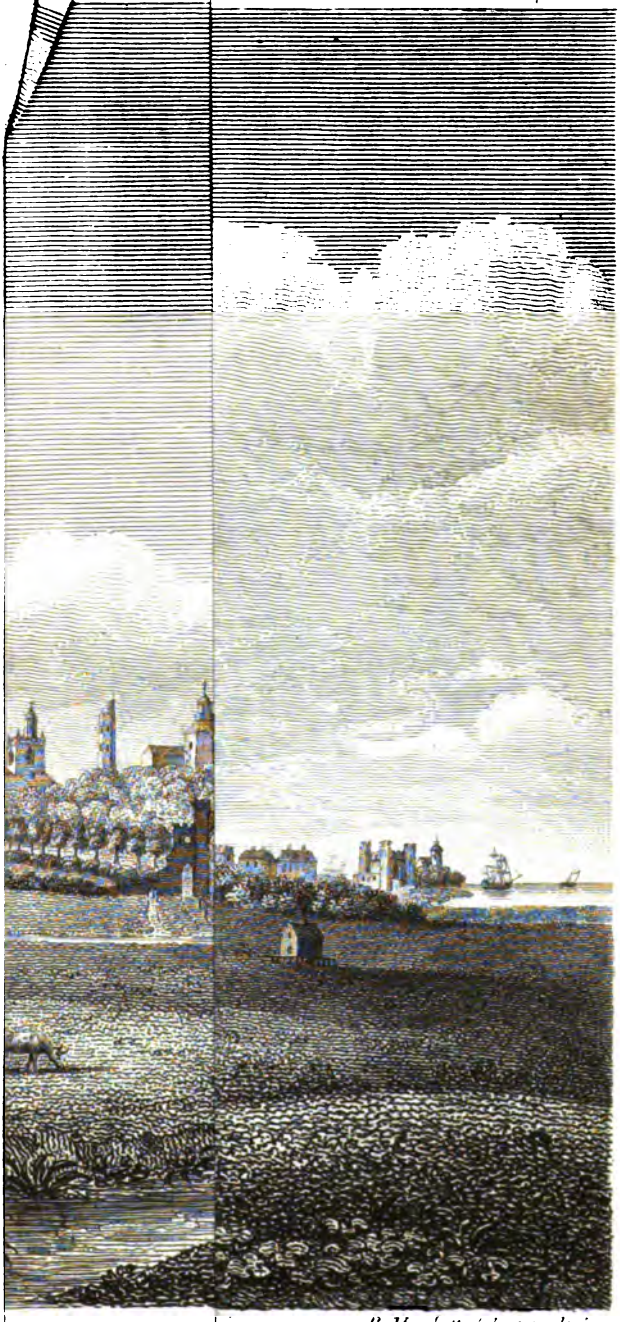
of *Rysing*, and of the hundred of *Freebridge*, which *Stigand* was Archbishop of *Canterbury*, but held this and many more lordships in his own right, as a lay see. *Agelmare* and *Stigand* are not expressly named under the name of *Lena*, to be lords of the town, though *Stigand* is mentioned to have the soc of the lordships of *Ralph* Lord *Baynard*, *Hermer de Ferrariis*, and *Rainold*, son of *Ivo*, probably as lord of the hundred, and the reason of their not being mentioned as lords of this part, (the Burgh part) is, because that was included, valued and accounted for under the lordships of *Geywood* and *Rysing*, and the Burgh part was as beruites, or little manors, depending on those great and capital ones, which extended into that part. Many towns are not mentioned in the book of *Domesday*, which has induced historians to conclude, that they were not in being at that time, and has been the occasion of great mistakes, they not reflecting on the true end and design of the book, which was to set forth every tenure, under the capital manor to which it belonged, in the town where that capital manor had its site; so that the town wherein such a tenure lay is not often mentioned, and when it is, it is named to be a beruite to the said capital manor. Many examples of this are to be found, and such is the case now before us.

LYNN-BISHOP'S MANOR.

One part or moiety, at least, if not more, was (as I have observed) in *Agelmare* or *Ailmar*, Bishop of *Elmham*, a *Saxon* married prelate, in the time of King *Edward* the Confessor, in right of his capital manor of *Geywood*, which extended into this town, and being deprived of his see of *Elmham*, of which *Geywood* was a member, in 1370, was succeeded by *Herfast*, or *Arfast*, who removed his see from *Elmham* to *Thetford*, and was lord. On whose death *William de Beaufoe* was preferred to it, and was Bishop when the grand survey was made, in 1085, when it appears from the said book, that he was Lord of *Gaywode*, (and consequently of this manor) in right of his see of *Thetford*.[a] *Herbert* his successour translated the see to *Norwich*, and on his foundation of the priory of the Holy Trinity in his church of *Norwich* in 1101, gave the church of *Lynn*, with a manor, all his salt-works, and marshes, at *Geywode* and *Lynn*, to the priory aforesaid, to hold them as freely, quit and exempt of all customs and services, as he himself, *Arfast*, and *William* his predecessors enjoyed them; and erected also a priory as a cell to that of *Norwich*, on the south side of St. *Margaret's* church which he had built.

That it was a place of trade and consequence, before and in the reign of the Conqueror, and the capital manor in *Lena*, appears from its enjoying the privilege of certain duties and customs, with a tolboth in this town, and before the *Norman* conquest, payable on the arrival of any goods or merchandises by sea or land, and the Bishop was then in full possession of a moiety; which the Conqueror on his deprivation seized on, and gave to his brother *Odo* Bishop of *Baieux*, in *Normandy*; and on his rebellion against King *William* II. that King granted it to *William de Albini*, his butler, called *Pincerna Regis*, as

[a] See in Geywode.



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I shall show when I treat of his manor; how long before this the Bishops of *Elmham* enjoyed this, I cannot determine, or when they had the first grant of this manor, but it is highly probable, it was very early in the *Saxon* age, and at that time they had the grant of the towns of *Dunwich* and *Elmham*, about the year 630, and *Bedwin*, on a division of the see of *Dunwich*, held the see of *Elmham* in 673.

King *Henry* I. granted to the priory of *Norwich*, a fair here, for three days, on the feast of St. *Margaret*, &c. with soc, sac, and other customs, as was found by an *Inspeximus* of this, in the reign of *Richard* II. and King *Henry* II. confirmed to the monks, all the grants and privileges of his predecessors, and what *Herbert* Bishop of *Norwich*, &c. had given them.

William of *Newburgh*, who lived in the reign of *Richard* I. calls *Lynn, Urbs commeatu et commercijs nobilis*,[2] a city noble, or of note, for its trade and commerce; and the *Jews*, a people in all ages famous on this account, had great numbers (as he relates) of them settled here, and being enraged on the conversion of one of their body to Christianity, they set upon him, in order to have slain him; who to prevent it, took sanctuary in a church: they broke open the doors, and would have taken him out by force. On this noise and uproar, a number of the Christians came to his rescue, but the inhabitants being in fear of the King, who had taken the *Jews* under his protection, acted on the reserve; on which many young strangers and foreigners, who were in the town on account of their trade, fell on the *Jews*, killed several of them, burnt and plundered their houses, and these foreigners, to avoid the King's anger, took shipping directly with their spoil. At this day there is a street called from them *Jews-street*, where they lived together: they had then great indulgencies, which they paid the government for, bought houses and lands, which rendered them hated by the natives and Christians; and in many ancient deeds may be seen a form of warranty against selling land, &c. to them; *viz. Et cuicunq; dare, vendere, et assignare voluerint, præterquam domuj religiosæ et Judaismo, vel Judæis.*

John of *Oxford* Bishop of *Norwich* granted in the said reign, 1187, to the altar of his church of the Holy Trinity, at *Norwich*, 3 marks of silver *per ann.* to be paid out of his Stone-house, which he had built on the sea bank, by St. *Nicholas* chapel, in *Lynn* to the west, and *Peter*, son of *Gaufride*, son of *Durand* of *Oxeneford*, and his heirs, to whom we granted the said house, shall pay the said old rent, also 12*d. per ann.* to us and our successours, and shall reserve to us one of the cellars that is in the front of the house for to put wine in.[3]

John de Grey, who succeeded in the see of *Norwich*, in his fourth year, 1204, being desirous of possessing those lands, privileges, &c. in this town, which *Herbert* his predecessor, &c. had conveyed to the priory of *Norwich*, made an exchange with them, granted to them his manors of *Secheford* and *Great Cressingham* in *Norfolk*, and all the lands thereto belonging, excepting to himself and successours, the advowson of the church of *Great Cressingham*, with the knights fees and services belonging to the said manors, as he had in other manors of the monks; and the priory resigned to him and his successours, all their rights and profits in the fairs of *Lynn* and *Geywode*, with the

[2] De Rebus Ang. lib. 4. p. 401. [3] Reg. Sacr. Norw. Eccles. fol. 14.

Saturday mercate, all their lay fees therein, the annual rent of 3 marks in a house by St. *Nicholas'* church, and a messuage by *Purflete* bridge; all their salt works, with their profits, and their right in half a mark *per ann.* paid by the dean of *Lynn*, all their right in the toll, all their rents and perquisites which they had in *Lynn*, or without, except *Hagelose*, which they held by virtue of a lay fee.

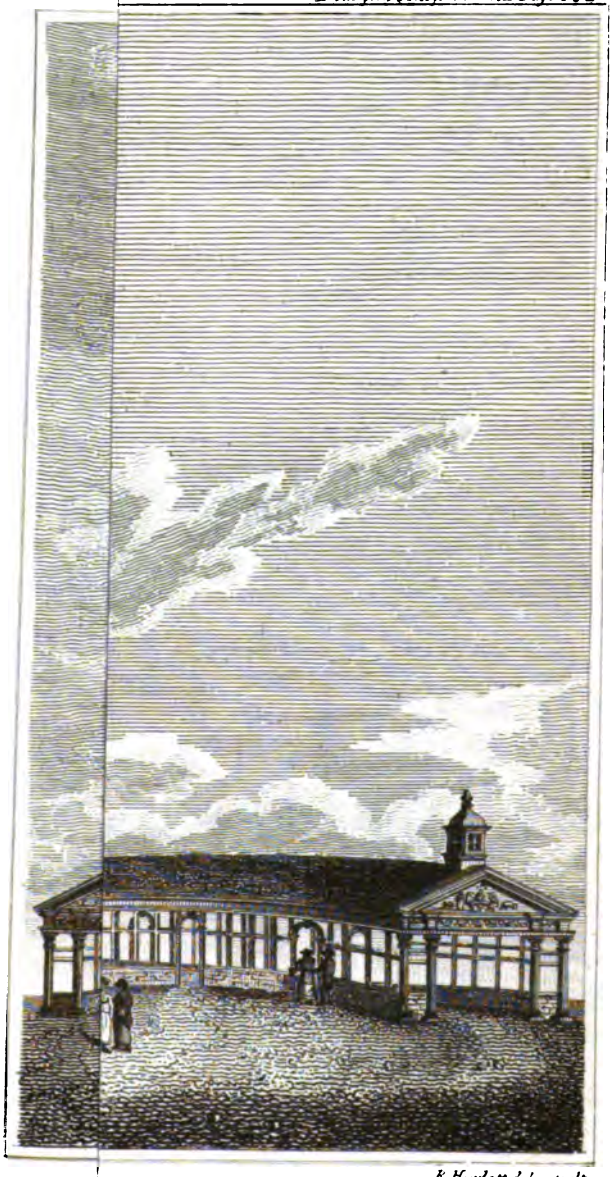
And the said Bishop, by another deed, then dated, appropriated to the said priory, the church of St. *Margaret*, with all its spiritualities, tithes, oblations, and obventions, with the chapels of St. *Nicholas* and St. *James*, also the church of *Mintling*, with all its appertenances, with all the tithe belonging to the demean lands of his lordship of *Gaywode*, on condition that they take care to have the said churches and chapel served by their chaplains, to be removed or admitted (on any just cause) at the will of the Bishop, and that it should be lawful for him only, to erect any chapel in the aforesaid parishes, and if any was erected, the priory should have the sole profit of it. The town by this exchange being for the greatest part again in the Bishops of *Norwich*, obtained the name of *Bishop's-Lynn*, and was so called in all deeds, and writings, till alienated to the Crown in the reign of King *Henry* VIII.

Before this exchange in 1201, he had built a stately palace, with proper appertenances at his manor of *Geywode*, and now was intent of obtaining great privileges by his interest with the King, for this town; and having certified the King of this exchange made between him and the priory of *Norwich*, he obtained a grant from the King of a free burgh for this town.

The King in his charter sets forth, "That on the request and petition of *John*, the second of that name, Bishop of *Norwich*, he had "granted that the village of *Lenn* should be a *free burgh* for ever, "and have all the liberties and free customs, which free burghs have "in all respects, saving to that Bishop and his successours, and to "*William* Earl of *Arundel* and his heirs, those liberties and customs, "which they have of old held in the said village, &c."—The witnesses were *Hubert* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, *William* Bishop of *London*, *Geff. Fitzpiers* Earl of *Essex*, *Rand.* Earl of *Chester*, *Jeffrey de Say*, &c. Given under the hand of *Simon de Wells*, provost of *Beverley*, at *Lambeth*, 27 *Jan. A°. 5°.*

JOANNES *Dej gratia, &c.—Noveritis Nos ad instantiam, et petitionem venerabilis patris nostri, Joh. Norwic. Episci. secundi, concessisse, et hâc p' senti chartâ nostra confirmasse, qd. villa de Lenn, sit libr. Burgus in perpetuum, et habeat omnes libertates et liberas consuetudines quas liberj burgi habent omnib; salvis ipso Episc°. et successor. suis, et Will°. Comitj Arundel, et heredib. suis libertatib; et consuetudinib; quas ipsi in p'dictâ villâ antiquitus habuerunt. Quare volumus, et firmiter p'cipimus qd. p' dicta villa de Lenn, sit liber Burgus in p' petuum, et habeat omnes libertates et consuetudines liberas quas liberi burgi nostri habent omnibus, bene, et in pace, liberè et quietè et integrè, plenariè et honorificè, sicut p'dictum est. Testib; Dno Hub°. Cantuariensi archiepisc. W°. Lond. Episc. G. Fil. Petri Comite Essex, R. Comiti Cestrie, Galfr° de Say, &c. Dat. p. man. S: Præpositi de Beverley, et apud Lamb. 27 die Jan. A°. regni nostri quinto.*

The said King also in his fifth year granted to the Bishop and his



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successours an annual fair on the translation of St. *Nicholas*, and for 15 days following, saving to the Earl of *Arundel* and his heirs, the rights belonging to them, (which seems to be a moiety of the profits, toll, stallage, piccage, &c.) and saving to the city of *London* their liberties.[4] The King also granted to the said Bishop a fair at *Lenn*, for 15 days, on the feast of St. *Margaret*, 7 days before and 7 days after the said feast, *sans date*.

The feast of St. *Margaret* was kept on *July* 20, and agreeable to this charter it was thus held in the beginning of the reign of King *Edward* I. when the fair of *Robert de Tateshale*, and Sir *John de Vaux*, at *Boston* in *Lincolnshire*, was found to be greatly injurious to this of St. *Margaret*. After this, in or about the 3d of *Henry* IV. *Henry le de Spencer* Bishop of *Norwich*, had it altered, and held on the feast of St. *Peter*, *ad Vincula*, or *Lammas* day, *August* 1, and for the same number of days as above mentioned.

It is to be observed here, that as the King had by charter granted *Lynn* to be a free *Burgh*, so it was necessary that the Bishop, as lord of the burgh, should do the same, and was undoubtedly obliged also to certify his consent, and approve of the same.

In a charter therefore to this purpose, he certifies,

"That he had granted to his village of *Lenn*, *viz.* to all the parish of St. *Margaret*, in the said village, and all men dwelling therein, all and every the same liberties which the *Burgesses* of *Oxford* enjoy, the King having granted to him a power of choosing any burgh in *England*, and that his village of *Lynn* should enjoy the same liberties that any burgh enjoyed, which he should thus make choice of, and that he made choice of the burgh of *Oxford*."

He therefore wills that this his village should be a free burgh, and have all the liberties in every respect as the burgh of *Oxford*, saving to himself and successours for ever, all those liberties and customs which he held and does hold in the said village of *Lenn* according to what the charter of *John* King of *England* witnesses, which he has granted concerning the liberties conferred on the said burgh —To this, the witnesses were—*Jeffrey*, archdeacon of *Norwich*, *Thomas*, his brother, Master *William de Linn*, Master *Robert de Gloucestre*, Master *Ran. de Harpel*, *Jordan*, the chaplain, *John de Uffinch*, *Henry*, son of *Simeon*, *Robert de Grey*, *Nicholas de Lisney*, *Richard Basset*, *Reginald de Nottingham*, &c. granted at *London*, by the hand of *Jeff. de Derham*, 9th of the calends of *April*, in the fourth year of his pontificate.

CHARTA Joh. Le Grey, Episci. Norwic.

Burgensibus de Lenna.

Omnib; *ad quos præsens scriptum p'venerit—Johan. Dei gratia, Norwicens. Episc. salut. in Dno. sempiternam—Noverit universitas vestra nos concessisse et p' sentij chartâ confirmasse ville nostre de Lenn, viz. Toti parochie eccl'ie Sce. Margarete in eadem villa, et omnib; hominib; in eade. parochia manentib; omnes et easdem libertates quas habent burgenses de Oxeneford, quia Dominus Rex nobis, p. chartam suam concessit, ut eligeremus burgum in Anglia quemcunq; vellemus,*

[4] Chart. Antiq. in Turrj Lond. N. 13. 14.

ut easdem libertates quas burgus ille habet, haberet et villa nostra de Lenna, et nos elegimus Oxenefordiam. Et ideo volumus, qd. eadem villa liber sit burgus, et easdem libertates habeat, quas habet burgus de Oxeneford in omnib; salvis nob. et successoribus nostris in perpetuum, omnib; libertatib; et consuetudinib; quas habuimus et habèmus in villa nostra de Lenna, secundum quod charta Dni Regis Anglie Johannis testatur, quam nobis fecit dè libertatib; eidem burgo collatis. Quare volumus et p'cipimus, ut p'dicti burgenses habeant et teneant omnes res et possessiones suas liberè et quietè honorifice, plenariè et integrè secundum quod supradiximus—Hijs testib; Galfrido, Archidiacono Norwic. Thome Fratre suo, Magr°. Will°. de Lenna. Magr°. Rob°. de Gloucestre, Ran°. de Harpel, Jordano Capellano, John de Uffinch, Hen°. filio Simeonis, Rob°. de Grey, Nich°. de Lisney, Ric°. Basset, Regin°. de Nottingham, et multis aliis—Dat. apud London. p. manum Mag. Galfridi de Derham 9°. kalend. Apr. Pontificat. nostri A°. Quarto.

To this was the Bishop's seal, his effigies in pontificalibus, and *Joh. Dei gratia episcop. Norwicens.*—the reverse—the holy lamb, with the cross, and *Ecce Agnus Dei qui tollit peccata mundi.*

What these liberties were will best appear from the charter of King *Henry* II. who made that a free burgh.

"KNOW ye that I have granted and confirmed to my citizens of *Oxenford*, all the liberties, customs, &c. which they had in the time of my grandfather King *Henry* I. Namely, their merchants gild, with all its liberties and customs, &c. so that no one who was not a brother of that gild should merchandise in the said city, or suburbs; that they should be free from all toll, passage, and all duties, &c. through all *England* and *Normandy*, by land and by water, &c. with other customs and liberties that they held in common with the citizens of *London*, and that they serve on with the said citizens, in the office of his butler, and carry on merchandise with them in *London* and all other places. And that if at any time they should be in doubt, what they should do, they should send their messengers to *London*, and what those citizens determined, they should confirm it, as right; and that they be not impleaded on account of any claim, out of *Oxenford*, but if they were, they might traverse the same according to the laws and customs of the city of *London*, and no otherwise; for they and the citizens of *London* had one and the same custom, law, and liberty." He also grants them soc and sac, toll and theme, infangtheof, and all other liberties and customs, &c. as they held in the time of his grandfather, King *Henry* I. and as all the citizens of *London* enjoy.

These were considerable liberties and privileges; and no wonder, as this King had a love and affection for this city, on account of their fidelity to his mother *Maud*, the Empress, and to himself in the war against King *Stephen*; this charter therefore the Bishop made choice of: as he had been secretary of King *John*, and a justice itinerant, he was no doubt well apprized of the greatness of it; and as I take it, he was a native of *Oxfordshire*, and born at *Greys*, or *Greys*-court in that county, where his ancestors had large possessions. His father, *Richard de Grey*, was a benefactor to the monastery of *Eynsham*. *Hawise de Grey*, his brother's wife, gave to it the church of *Cornewell* in the said county, and the Bishop gave the church of *Swetford*, with the chapel of *Sinewell* in the said county, to the canons of *Ousey*.

Agreeable therefore to this choice and request of the Bishop, King *John* grants what is called the Grand Charter of *Lynn*, in his sixth year, *September* 14, by which it became a free burgh for ever, with soc, and sac, tholl, theam, infangthief, and utfangthief, free through all his land and ports, of tolls and tallage, passage, payage, pontage, lastage, lione, and Danegeld, and all other customs, excepting the liberties of the city of *London*, and from all suit of country or hundred court, for tenures within the burgh of *Lenn*; and that none of them should be impleaded out of the burgh in any plea, but in those of foreign tenures, and that all trials of murder should be in the said burgh, and the burgesses freed from all trials by combat or duel, and if impleaded in any, except a foreign one, they might traverse the same, according to the law and custom of *Oxford*; that no one should have dwelling or entertainment there by force, or assignment of the Earl-marshal; that no miskenning be allowed; that they keep a husting-court once a week, and have a merchant's guild, &c. according to that of *Oxford*, and all pleas thereto belonging, to be held at *Lenn*. And if any one throughout all *England* should take toll or custom from any burgess, except the citizens of *London*, the provost of *Lenn* may recover damages by the writ of *namium*. That all merchants whatever may come to the said burgh, with their merchandise, and depart freely and safe, having paid the just customs and dues of the said burgh; and no one is to offer any injury to, or molest the said burgesses under the penalty of 10*l*. and if the burgesses should be in any doubt in any point what to do, they should send messengers to *Oxford*, and what the burgesses of *Oxford* should determine, should be firm and valid, saving to the said *John* Bishop of *Norwich*, and his successours for ever, and to *William* Earl of *Arundel* and his heirs, the liberties, &c. which they have held, and ought to hold, in the said village of *Lenn*, for ever. Witnesses, *Jeffrey Fitz Piers* Earl of *Essex*, *William* Earl of *Salisbury*, *William Briewer*, *Thomas Basset*, *Alan Basset*, *Simon de Pateshull*, *William de Cantilupe*, *James de Poterna*, *John de Stokes*, *Andrew de Beauchamp*.—— Given under the hand of *Hugh* Archdeacon of *Wells*, at *Lutgareshall*, 14th *September*, *ao.* 6.

Johannis Dei gratia Rex Angl. D'ns. Hib. Dux Norm. Aquit. Com. Andeg. Archiep. Episc. Abbat. Comit. Baron. Justic. Vicecomitib; Prepositis, Minst. et Omn. Ballivis et Fidelib; suis, Salut.

NOVERITIS NOS ad instantiam et petitionem venerab. patris nostri J. Norwicens. Epis. secundi, concessisse et p'senti charta nostra confirmasse Burgensib; de Lenna quod burgus de Lenna sit lib. burgus in p'petuum, et habeat socc. et sacc. tholl, theam, infangenethief et utfangeneth. et quod ipse per totam terram nostram, et per omnes portus maris quieti sint de tholon. stallagio, passagio, paag. pontag. lestag. et de line, et de Daneg. et omnia alia consuetudine, salva libertat. civitatis London. et qd. nullam sectam comit. vel hundredor. faciant de tenuris infra Burgum de Lenna. Concessimus autem eisd. burgens. et hac charta nostra confirmavimus qd. nullus eor. placitet extra Burgum de Lenna de ullo placito, preterplacita de tenuris exterioribus. Concessimus et eis quietantiam murdri infra Burgum de Lenna; et qd. nullus eorum faciat duellum, et qd. de placitis ad coronam p'tinentib; se possint disrationare

secundum legem et consuetud. Oxon. et qd. infra Burgum p'dict. nemo capiat hospitium p. vim, vel p. liberationem marescallorum: et qd. in Burgo illo in nullo placito sit miskenninga, et qd. husteng semel tantum in Edomada teneatur. Concessimus etiam eis gildam mercatoriam, et qd. terras et tenuras vadia sua et debita sua omnia juste habeant quicunq; eis debeat, et de terris suis et tenuris que infra Burgum p'dict. sunt rectum eis teneatur secund. legem et consuetud. Burgi Oxon. et de omnib; debitis suis que accommoda fuerint apd. Lennam, et de vadiis ibidem factis placita apud Lennam teneantur; et si quis in tota Anglia theolon. et consuetud. a Burgens. de Lenna ceperit, excepta ut superius civitate London postquam ipse a recto defecerit, prepositus de Lenna Namium inde apud Lennam capiat. Insuper ad emendation. p'dicti Burgi de Lenna concessimus qd. quicunq; mercatores petierint Burgum de Lenna cum mercato suo, de quocunq; loco fuerint, sive extranei, sive alij qui de pace nostra fuerint, vel de licentia nostra in terram nostram venerint, veniant, morentur, et recedantur in salva pace nostrâ reddendo rectas consuetudines illius Burgi. Prohibemus et nequis p'dict. Burgensib; injuriam vel dampnum vel molestiam faciat, super forisfacturam decem librarum. Preterea concessimus eisd. Burgens. qd. si de aliquo judicio dubitaverint vel contenderint quid facere debeant, de hoc mittant nuntios suos Oxon. et qd. inde Burgens. Oxon. judicaverint, ratum et firmum habeatur. Salvis in p'petuum p'dicto J. Norwic. Episco et success. suis, et Willo, Comiti Arundell et hered. suis, libertatib; et consuetud. quasi in p'dicta villa de Lenna antiquitus habuerunt et habere debuerunt. Quare volumus et firmiter precipimus qd. p'dicti Burgens. de Lenna et heredes eor. hec omnia p'dicta hereditarie in p'petuum habeant et teneant, bene et in pace, libere quiete integr plenarie, et honorificè sicut p'dictum est———. Testib; Gaufrido Fil. Petri Com. Essex, Willo. Com. Sarum. Willo. Briewerr, Tho. Basset, Simone de Pateshull, Willo, de Kauntilup. Jacobo de Potern. J. de Stoke, Andr. de Bellocampo.——Dat. p. manu Hugonis Archidiac. Wellens. apud Lutegareshal decimo quarto die Septemb. anno regni Nostri Sexto.

And what privileges could not this powerful and rich prelate obtain of his King who in his fifth year had pawned to him his *regalia*, the great crown of *England*, the gilt sword, surcoat, tunick, and dalmatick of *Edward* the Confessor, with his girdle, sandals, gloves, spurs, &c. all which he received by the hands of *John de Ufford*, the King's chaplain: to this we may add, that all, or most of this King's prime ministers, were natives of this county. *Hubert* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, &c. was born at *West Derham; Hubert de Burgh* Earl of *Kent*, lord justiciary of *England*, governor of *Dover* castle, &c. at *Burgh*, in *Flegg* hundred, as was his brother *Jeffrey* Bishop of *Ely;* and *John de Brancaster*,[5] and *Jeffrey Fitz Piers* Earl of *Essex*, justiciary of *England*, &c. was founder of *Shouldham* abbey.

In the said sixth year the tax or tallage of the King, amounted to 6335*l.* in one year,[6] which is a proof of the trade and flourishing state of the town at that time, *London* then paying 836*l.* 12s. 6d.

[5] John de Brancaster signed the charter of King John to the city of Norwich, ao. 1199, next to John de Grey, afterwards Bishop, and before the Earl of Chester: he was a clergyman, and some great officer of state; and it is probable Simon de Wells, keeper of the King's seal, and Bishop of Chichester, and Hugh de Wells, keeper of it, were natives.

[6] Madox Hist. of the Exchequer, p. 530.

We find also another proof of its good state, from there being mints here for the coining of money, belonging to the King and the Bishop; this was a privilege granted to several bishops and great abbots, in the *Saxon* age; and in his 9th year, (1208) King *John* sent his mandate to all the mint-masters, keepers of the stamps in *Winchester, Exeter, Chichester, Canterbury, Rochester, Ipswich, Norwich, Lenn, Lincoln, York, Carlisle, Northampton, Oxford,* St. *Edmund's Bury, Durham,* &c. to bring *(cuneos vestros)* your stamps, and not *(nostros)* ours, to *Westminster,* in the space of 15 days, from the morrow of the feast of St. *Dennis.*[7]

Before this, in the 6th of the said King, it appears that there were 3 mints in *Chichester,* two belonging to the King, and one belonging to the Bishop,[8] and that the King had also his mint here in the 35th of *Edward* I. We find from a writ, then dated, and directed to the wardens *(custodib;)* of it in *Lenn,* to seize upon all prohibited money, and to put the statute against it in execution; also from a *compotus* of the chamberlains of *Lenn,* at that time, wherein 6*d.* stands charged given out of courtesy to a messenger of the King's, bringing a writ to the keeper of the mint.

Some persons have fancied that the mints were not in *Lynn,* but at *Mintling,* a little hamlet at this time near *Lynn,* which took, as they conceive, its name from them, whereas the name is taken (as I in its place shall show) from its site. Mints were not permitted to be in such private villages or hamlets, but in cities or in burgh towns, and in fortified secure parts thereof. How long it held this privilege is not clear; King *Edward* III. in his 18th year, reduced all coinage to the standard of the Tower of *London,* and enjoined all other mints to take their coining-tools or stamps from the Tower, allowing them but one pound and 5 shillings profit in the coinage of an 100*l.* so that other mints grew weary, and left it off; and probably from this time, the mint here became useless.

It is a traditionary report, and believed by the good people of *Lynn,* that King *John* also granted to this burgh, the honour and privilege of a mayor; but historians attribute the grant to King *Henry* III. Sir *Henry Spilman* was also of this opinion, and says that King *John* gave them only a *prætor,* on the entreaty of Bishop *Grey;* and that King *Henry* III. honoured them with a mayor, for their fidelity to him against the rebellious barons; but, it is certain, that there was a provost at the head of this burgh when King *John* granted his charter in his 6th year, and no mayor; and, it does not appear that *Oxford,* whose privileges, liberties, &c. the Bishop chose, and adopted for his town of *Lynn,* had at that time a mayor.[9]

It seems to me, that the person who was at this time at the head of the burgh, the *præpositus,* was one named and appointed absolutely by, and at the will and pleasure of, the Bishop, and was probably his chief steward, or bailiff. The time assigned for King *Henry's* grant of a mayor is in his 52d year, 1267, but this is *gratis dictum,* and will be found to be a grand mistake; that it was a mayor town before the death of King *John,* is evident from the Patent Rolls.

[7] Pat. 9 Johs. N. 29.
[8] Pat. ao. 6 Joh.
[9] London had no mayor till King John in his 10th year granted it, as Grafton, Baker, &c. and Norwich had no mayor before 1403.

King *John* by his letters patents, dated at the *Devizes* in *Wiltshire*, *June* 7, in his 18th year, to the mayor and good men of *Lenn*, enjoins them to receive into that town of *Lenn*, all those whom *Fulk de Oiry*, *William de Ross*, *William Bigod*, and *William Gernon*, should look upon to be faithful and trusty to him. This shews that it was a place of strength, and fortified. This *Fulk* was a person of great power in *Lincolnshire*, and lord of the manor of *Gedney*, and the King had granted him a charter for a weekly mercate there, in his sixth year.

How long it was before this that they had their charter, I cannot ascertain; this is however a sufficient proof, that King *John* was the king that granted this honour, and not King *Henry* III. and that it was a mayor town of some continuance in the year 1233.

Here I shall take the liberty of representing what surprising troubles and distresses King *John* underwent for the space of above 4 months before his death, flying from one place of defence to another for refuge, in constant dread and fear of his rebellious barons, being truly persecuted and hunted by them, as a partridge on the mountains: taken from the authority of the Patent Rolls.

On the 3d of *June*, in his 18th year, 1216, he was at *Winchester*, on the 7th at *Lutgardshall* in *Wiltshire*, at the *Devizes* in *Wiltshire* on the said day, as by his patent to the mayor of *Lenn* abovementioned, also on the 9th; at *Wilton* the 14, at *Sherminster* 15, and at *Bere* in *Dorsetshire* 20th; at *Corf Castle* the 24th of *June*, and 4th of *July*; at *Warham July* 7; at *Corf Castle* the 10th; at *Hay*, on the edge of *Brecknockshire* in *Wales*, and *Herefordshire* the 21st; at *Hereford* the 30th; and at *Lemster* the 31st; at *Blaunchminster August* 7, at *Whitchurch* the 9th, at *Shrewsbury* 14, at *Bruges* or *Bridgnorth* 16, at *Worcester* 17, at *Gloucester* 18, at *Berkley* in *Gloucestershire*, 19, at *Bristol* 21, at *Corf* 25, at *Wells* 27, at *Bath* 28, and on the said day at *Sherbourn* in *Dorsetshire*; at *Bradford* 29, and *Chipenham* in *Wiltshire*, 30; at *Cyrencester* in *Gloucestershire September* 1, at *Burford* in *Oxfordshire* 2d, at *Oxford* 3, 4, and 5, at *Reading* the 7th, at *Sunning* the 8th; after this at *Wallingford*, *Aylesbury*, *Buckingham* and *Bedford*; at *Cambridge September* 16, at *Clare* in *Suffolk* 18, at *Clive* or *King's Cliffe* in *Northamptonshire* the 20th, at *Rockingham* 21, at *Lincoln* 22, at *Scoter* (in *Lincolnshire*) 25, at *Lincoln* 28, and *October* the 1st and 2d; at *Louth October* 4, at *Grimsby* the 7th, and at *Spalding* the 7th, at *Lenn October* 9[a] and 10, at *Wisbeach* the 12th, at *Lafford (Sleford)* 15, on the 18 at *Newark*, where he granted that day a patent to *F. de Breant*, of the honour of *Luton*, late *Baldwin's* Earl of *Albemarle*, and on *October* 19; he died in the night, at this town.

Some historians relate that he was poisoned by a monk of *Swinstede* abbey; but he seems by this journal not to have gone by *Swinestede*: it is certain that he was past that town on the 15th, and was at *Sleford*, and it is not to be conceived, had he been there poisoned, he could have proceeded to *Newark*, and died there about five days at least, after he had taken the poison, which killed (as is said) the monk who took the same, in a very short space of time.

[a] On this day he granted to Hubert de Burgh, chief justice of England, and born in this county, a protection for his manors of Stow Bardolf, and Westfield in Norfolk, which he held in right of his wife, widow of Dodo Bardolf, dated at Lynn.

The places abovementioned where he took refuge were places of strength, and had their castles, whereas *Swinested* was no place of defence or security: the daily success of his rebellious barons, with *Lewis* the *French* King's son at their head, his many losses, and constant fatigue, had so much impaired his health, that it is no wonder if they hastened his death, and that he was no longer able to bear them.

Stow, in his Chronicle,[2] informs us that King *John* made *Saveric de Malione* captain of *Linne*, and began to fortifie it; he was a *Poictovin* or a *Gascoign*, one of the King's chief commanders in *Poitou* in *France*, in 1214: this was, as I take it, on or about the 10th of *October* before his death, when he was in person present here; and about this time, I find that *Hervey Belet*, who was lord of *East Rudham*, and a great benefactor to *Coxford* priory, had authority from the King to confide in all things that *Saverick de Malo Leone*, *William* Earl of *Albemarle*, and *Fulk de Breant*, should mention to him for the fealty, interest, and honour of the King; so that he may also be supposed to have some honourable place here under the King.

At this last visit of the King, and residence here, it is probable he gave them his most curious cup, and most venerable piece of antiquity, of silver gilt with gold on the inside, adorned with beautiful imagery and enamelled work, in the keeping of every mayor, used on certain solemn occasions, and shewn to gentlemen as a great curiosity, in memory of their founder and great benefactor, filled with sack.

Stow says that the townsmen received the King with great joy, and honoured him with large gifts, and that he got a surfeit here with filling his belly too much, and fell into a flux.

As for the sword, it is believed that the King gave none to be borne before the mayor; and *Spelman* has given a very good reason for it. It was, says he, an episcopal burgh, the Bishop of *Norwich* being lord of it, and not a royal burgh, or demeans; and there seems to be proof that no such *insignia* belonged to it in *Henry* the Fourth's time, but was a grant from King *Henry* V.

In the 7th year of this King, the bailiffs of the town produced their charter, that no one out of this burgh should be impleaded out of the burgh,[3] for lands and tenements therein, and it was allowed them in the King's court, and was allowed also in the King's Bench, in a cause between *Margaret*, widow of *Robert de Wenton*, and the mayor of *Lenn*, (this is also a proof that there was a mayor then) which was *ao.* 4 *Henry* III. *Plita Coron. Rot.* 19.

License was granted to foreign merchants to come with safety to the fair of *Lenn*, *ao.* 8 and 9 of *Henry* III. *Pat. M.* 6. & *M.* 2. and in the 11th of that King, a talliage was granted to the King by the Bishop: the oath of the burghers then was, "You shall faithfully pay your talliage made by the lord (bp.) at his will, of all your chattels of your own property, whatever they are, and of the chattels of your wife, and all that is your due to pay." About this time the Bishop was found to hold this burgh of the King in *capite*, but by what service the jury knew not; but in the 17th of the said reign, *Thomas de Milton*, and *Warin*, son of *Imbert*, were named by the King to assess the talliage, and all the demeans of the see of *Norwich*.

[2] P. 555.
[3] Pasch. R. 8.
[4] In Cur. Recept. Sc'carii Lig. 3. N. 64.

In the 18th of this King, a fine was levied at *Westminster* in *Trinity* term, before *Robert de Lexington, William de York, Ralph de Norwich, William de Lisle, Adam Fitz-William,* and *Ralph de Rokele,* the King's justices, between the mayor and burgesses, querents, and *Thomas Blundevile* Bishop or *Norwich,* deforcient.[4] The mayor, &c. complained that the Bishop had impleaded them in a court-christian, (ecclesiastical or spiritual court,) and had excommunicated them because they had created a mayor among themselves, and had taxed and talliaged themselves in the said burgh without his assent; and it was agreed between them in the said court, that the Bishop should grant for himself and successours, and his church of *Norwich* that the said burgesses for the future, may choose and create to themselves a mayor, whomsoever they pleased of their own body, on this condition, that immediately after this election or creation, they should present him to the Bishop and his successours wherever they should be in the diocese of *Norwich,* who on the presentation should be admitted by the Bishop, without any contradiction; and for this fine and concord, the mayor and burgesses grant for themselves, their heirs and successours, that whosoever shall be so created and elected mayor by them shall promise on his good faith and fealty, by which he is engaged to the Bishop, and his successours, that he will observe all things that belong to his office, as long as he shall continue therein, and preserve as much as is in his power, the liberties of the church of *Norwich.*

And this agreement and fine was made in the presence of the King, who consented to it.

This King, as appears from many instances, sate frequently in the court of King's Bench, at the head of his justices.

The mayor and burgesses liberty of holding courts, and having cognizance of pleas were allowed them, *(et quod justitiam plenam faciant) ao.* 34 *Henry* III.[5] and it was lawful for them to sell their inheritance, or that of their wives, and their portion, as they thought proper, on condition that their wives were present at the sale, and consented, and in a full court of the burgh.

In the 35th of the said King, the merchants coming to *Lenn* were allowed to be free *De Prisis;* and in the 37th, *William Hall,* and *Catherine* his wife, conveyed by fine, to *John Curtess* and *Joan* his wife, a messuage and lands in *Lenn Regis,* and *South Lenn,* in a street called *Coldhyrn.*

The mayor and burgesses were, in the 41st year, commanded by the King, to permit the men of *Ely* to come here and sell their beer, and to exercise merchandise as before the disturbances. At this time mention is made of St. *Margaret's fen,* and the King's justices held an assise here this year.

The King in his 50th year, commanded the sheriff of *Norfolk* to cause 36 tuns of wine to be sent to him, then at the siege of *Kenilworth* castle, in *Warwickshire,* bought by the King's purveyors at *Lenn,* famous at that time for importing wine; and in his 52d year, by his charter, dated at *Westminster, March* 26, confirmed all their former liberties, and that of choosing a mayor of themselves, without presenting him to the Bishop, and to be in place of a *Præpositus Villæ.*

This probably induced Sir *Henry Spilman,* &c. to look upon it as

[4] In Cur. Recept. Sc'carii, Lig. 3. N. 64.

[5] Plita de Jur. et Assis. Rot. 36.—Plita, &c. Rot. 42.

the first and original grant of a mayor, which was only (as may be seen from what I said before) a confirmation of that liberty.

In his 55th year, *Simon de Lawedsman* of *Tofts*, grants to *John Constantine* of *Westacre*, burgess of *Lenn*, and his heirs, 10s. rent *per ann.* out of his messuage in *Damgate*, which messuage extended itself from *Damgate* southward, to the common flete, north. *Oliva*, daughter of *Seward de Badele*, and *Edmund* her son, grant to *Ralph*, son of *Semeine de Lenne*, and *Maud* his wife, a messuage in St. *James's*-street, lands, &c. which *Seward* gave to *Oliva*, to her son and heirs, paying 10s. *per ann.*—*Robert*, mayor of *Lenn*, *Ralph Kellock*, and *Robert Fitz-David*, were witnesses; this was in the year 1173, *ao.* 56 *Henry* III. when *Robert de London* was mayor.

John, son of *Stephen de Wyrham*, held in part, by heirship, with the Lady *Alice de Boyland*, (wife or mother, as I take it, of Sir *Richard de Boyland*, a famous itinerant judge of this time,) in the north part of this town, a hall called *Boyland-hall*, with a kitchen, cellars, chambers, &c.; it is mentioned to have a great stone front, and to extend from the tenement of *Warine de Mundeford* west, to the messuage of *Simon Drew*, to the east; and the aforesaid *John* grants to this *Simon*, his part, paying 21s. *per ann.* and excepting to Sir *William Esturmy*, his heirs and tenants, free egress and regress, under the stone front. This was in the aforesaid year, and the witnesses were *Robert de London*, mayor, *Richard*, alderman, (that is of the merchants gild of the Holy *Trinity*,) &c.

William de Esturmy was at this time custos or keeper of the city of *Norwich*, appointed by the King.

About this time *Richard Noth*, by deed, *sans* date, released to the monks of *Castleacre*, a tenement which he held of them in *Lenn*, and his right therein at *Rond's hill*, called also *Bellasis*.

William, the prior of *Lenn*, with the consent of the priory of *Norwich*, had granted to the monks of *Castleacre*, an *hoga* (a how or hill) called *Bellasis*, by the causey of *Lenn*, to be held of them by the rent of 6*d. per ann.* to be paid in the church of St. *Margaret*, of *Lenn*. The said *Richard* also granted to *Godfrey Fitz-Godfrey*, 80 feet of land here; witnesses, *Ralph Kelloc*, *Ralph*, son of *Rainer de Wirham*. I find also a windmill to be at this place.

At the entrance of *Audry* causey over the fens, into the isle of *Ely*, there was a strong tower erected, called *Bellasis*, to defend that passage, and probably there was one here, which I take to have been on the right hand as you turn to enter at the south gate.

That *Lynn* was a mayor town in the 18th of King *John*, has been proved; but through length of time, want or decay of evidences, the names of very few mayors are to be met with before the year 1284, *ao.* 12th *Edward* I. from which year the list is regular and complete.

The first that I have met with, is *Robert*, son of *Sunnolf*, in a deed, *sans* date, which I have here copied, that a convincing proof may be had of it.

Sciant, &c. quod ego Simon de Well, clericus, concessi et quietem clamavi in p'petuum Robo. filio Sunnolfi, majori Lenn. et heredib; totum jus qd. habui in omnib; terris et tenement. que fuerunt Lemari filii Blak in Well, &c. exceptis terris quas idem Robertus mihi concessit—Hijs testib; Simone filio Roberti de Lenn, Gilberto filio Warini.[s]

[s] Penes Beaup. Bell, Armig. nup. de Beaupre Hall in Outwell.

Sunnolf, who as this deeds testifies, was father of *Robert* the mayor, it is probable, might also have been mayor himself, and from him the flete called *Sunnolf's flete* seems to take its name. *Rob.* was a person of considerable estate, and held a manor with messuages, and lands in *Wells, Holm, Neu Londe, Brokene, Henemeth, Hakebeche*, and *Wisbeche*, with all the homages, services, and rents of his demeans, which he grants by deed, *sans* date, to *Gilbert*, son of *Warin*, his grandson, to be held of him, paying to him and his heirs 45*s.* and half a pound of cumin. To this deed is his seal of green wax, hanging by a twist of red and white silk,—a spread-eagle with 2 necks, and this legend round it,—*Sigillum Roberti Filii Sunnolfi.*—The witnesses were *Michael de Belvaco, William Hereward, Adam*, son of *Seman*. This *Robert* was undoubtedly one of the first mayors. *Gilbert* son of *Warine*, son of *Robert*, son of *Sunnolf*, was living in the year 1238, as the following deed testifies;

Notum sit quod ego Philippus fil. Walteri de Thorp, concessi et dimisi ad firmam Waltero rectori de Grimestun. fratri meo et Gilberto fil. Warini de Lenn. messuagium illud in Well, quod bone memorie Tho. de Blun'ville Norwic. Episc. mihi dedit cum marisco qui vocatur Wyke-Fen. Hanc autem concessionem. &c. eis feci duraturam a prima septimana quadrigesime anno incarnationis D'ni. millesimo ducentesimo, tricesimo, octavo, &c. Hijs testib; Mro. Joh. de Monteacuto, Michaele de Belvaco.

To this *Gilbert*, *Walter Suffeld* Bishop of *Norwich* grants all his land in *Welle*, by deed, dated at *Westacre*, 6 of the calends of *May*, in the 2d year of his pontificate, *ao.* 1246.

This *Gilbert, William de Carleton, John Costyn, Andrew, John de St. Omer*, were also mayors in the reign of *Henry* III. as seems from old writings, but *sans* date.

Alexander Kellock, mayor, and *Richard de Norwich*, seneschal (of the Bishop) were witnesses to a deed of *Richard*, son of *Adam Codlin* of *Lenn*, *sans* date, wherein he grants to *Richard de Geyton*, a certain piece of land by *Sunnolf's flete*, between the land of Sir *Robert de Scales*, and the land in the use of the friars-minors of *Lenn*, in breadth, and between the common gutter, and the said flete in length, paying yearly to the Bishop of *Norwich*, and the prior of St. *Margaret* of *Lenn*, 10*d.* at 4 equal payments, at each payment 3 halfpence to the Bishop, and 1*d.* to the prior. I find this *Alexander Kellock* admitted a brother of *Trinity* gild, in 1248.

Andrew seems to be mayor about 1269.

James de Belvaco, or *Beaufoe*, was elected mayor in the 56th of *Henry* III. and entered on it, as was customary, on St. *Michaelmas* day, 1271. The computus or roll of his expenses, from that day to St. *Michaelmas* following, is still preserved, and from it I have collected the most material occurrences.

To 4 messengers of the King, and Prince *Edward*, at 4 times, whilst the King was at *Norwich*, payed by the mayor, 2*s.*—To *John* the clerk of *William de Plumstede*, half a mark.—In bread and wine sent to Sir *William de Middleton*, on the vigil of St. *Faith*, 3*s.* 2*d.*—In wine to *Gilbert de Well*, a sextary,[7] 14*d.*—In bread and wine to Sir *Roger de Vaux*, 18*d. ob.*—To *Simon de Stanle* and *Henry de Gernemutha*, for their expenses at *London* on the King's burial, 20*s.*—

[7] A sextary was 4 gallons, and contained 4 lagenæ or flagons.

In bread and wine to *Richard Urri*, (the Bishop's steward) at *Gaywode*, on the vigil of St. *Lucy*, 18*d. ob.*—In wine to Mr. *Jeffrey de Depham* 14*d.*—In bread and wine to Sir *William de Goldingham* 18*d. ob.*—In bread and wine to Sir *William Bardolf*, junior, 18*d. ob.*—and to Sir *Robert Burnell*, 18*d. ob.* — To *Simon Sichard* for a pipe (pipa) of wine for the use of *Richard Urri*, 11*l.* 15*s.*—To *Humphrey* the goldsmith, for a gold ring for the King's marshal, 10*s.*—To *Thomas Clerk* for his fee, *(solido)* on the nativity of our lord, 5*s.*—and for arrears due in the time of *Andrew* the mayor, 7*s.* 10*d.*—To the mayor, his fee due then, 7*s.* 10*d.*—In wine sent to the prior, a sextary, 16*d.*—To the mayor, a sextary, 14*d.*—and to the Lady *Nerford*, 14*d.* —To the official and dean of *Lenn*, 2 sextaries, 28*d.*—To Sir *John de St. Omer*, and to *John Coston*, each, two flagons, (lagen.) 14*d.*—To Sir *William de Tyrington*, 4 lagen. and an half, 16*d.*—To Sir *R. de Wyrham* a sextary, 16*d.*—To Sir *William Belet* at the house of *Robert de London*, in *Lenn*, 2 sextaries, 3*s.*—To 2 salmons and 2 casks (cadis) of wine, to Sir *Robert Tateshale*, and Sir *Robert de Montalt*, one mark. —In 5 salmons sent to the Bishop of *Norwich*, at *South Elmham*, on *Monday* before the feast of the purification, 20*s.*—In bread and wine, to the Lady *Lisle* at the steward's house, 24*d.*—To *Thomas Clerk*, his fee at *Easter*, 5*s.*—To Sir *William de Pakenham* a sextary of wine, not charged.—To one ton (dolio) for the use of Sir *John de Vaux*, 50*s.*—To the steward of the Countess of *Gloucester* and attendants, in jewels, (jocalib;) 27*s.* 8*d.*—To the grooms, (garcionib;) 3*s.*—To the mayor his fee, 6*l.*—In 4 salmons to Sir *Robert Burnell*, at *Haesclose*, 16*s.*—To one cade of sturgeon sent to the Bishop at *Gaywode*, 14*s.* on *Saturday* after the Annunciation.—To Sir *Richard de Boyland*, his fee, 30*s.* He was a judge itinerant.—To 100 bord for the use of Sir *Richard*, for his advice against the people of *Lincoln*, 1 mark.—To Sir *William de Saham* (a judge also) for his advice 40*s.*—In 12 pieces *garnarii*, sent to Sir *William Middleton*, and Sir *Richard de Boyland*, 6*s.* 8*d. ob.* — To *Richard Urri* for his services, a tun of white wine, 3 marks and an half. — To the keeping guard in the town whilst the justices of the King were there, 12*d.*—In wine to *John de Hengham* 10*s.*

It appears that the mayor's salary at this time was 10*l. per ann.* and paid by the chamberlains.

I have also seen a remarkable deed to which this *James* was witness, whereby Brother *Richard de Sulegrave*, Knt. master of the whole order of St. *Lazarus* of *Jerusalem*,[8] and all the brethren of the said order, dwelling at *Burton*, by common assent and council of the whole chapter, grant to *Alan de Kele*, burgess of *Lenn*, his heirs and assigns, (religious houses, and the Jews being excepted) a certain piece of land called *Lazer Hill*, lying by the common wall of the said village, containing 7 perches and 7 feet in breadth, on the north side, and 10 perches and 14 feet on the south side, 5 perches and an half broad on the east side, 6 perches broad in the middle, and 7 on the west side, &c. — Witnesses, *Robert de London*,[9] *James de Beloaco*, or *Beaufoe*,

[8] Burton Lazers in Leicestershire.

[9] I meet with this Robert, styled Dno. Robo.

mayor of *Lenn*, *Alexander Kellock*, alderman, *Richard Lambert*, *John de Lindesey*, *Edmund de Colton*, &c.

Here we find *Robert de London* to take place before the mayor.

The seal is of white wax, and the impress a W.

This piece of land I find afterwards in the hands of *Rd. Spany*, and of *John de Teryngton*, in the reign of *Richard* II. It appears also by this deed, that the town was walled in 1271.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH AND PRIORY.

This church and priory were founded by *Herbert* Bishop of *Norwich*, in the reign of King *William* II. and dedicated to St. *Mary* Magdalen, St. *Margaret*, and all the maiden saints. In the register of *Hoxon* priory, in *Suffolk*, it appears by the deed and grant of this Bishop, that the said church and priory were built by him at the request of the men of the town of *Lenn*, and to perform this the better, he granted an indulgence of 40 days pardon to all who should contribute to it; appointed that all tithes and ecclesiastical dues of the whole village, should be paid to this church, which he appropriated to the priory, and had it confirmed by the Pope. Most writers have asserted that he was obliged by the Pope to do this, as an atonement for his simony, but it does not appear so from this.

On the foundation of the priory *Herbert* gave them all he had or possessed, as far as the church of *William*, son of *Stanquin*, on the other side of *Sewaldesfeld*,[1] in rents, lands, and men, except *Seman* and his land, and the saltwork which the mother of *Seman* held;[2] he likewise granted the *Saturday* mercate and the fair on St. *Margaret's* day, all which he gave to his priory of the Holy *Trinity* of *Norwich*, to which convent the priory of *Lenne* was a cell; he also gave them the new mill in *Gaywode* marsh, with that marsh, the churches of *Gaywode* and *Mintling*, the priest at *Mintling*, the tithes of his demeans at *Gaywode*, with a villain called *Edward*, and all his land, also his saltworks in the said town, except two, and that which *Leofric*, son of *Limburgh*, held, and the mother of *Seman*; also the church of *Sedgford*, with the tithes, and all that *Walter* the archdeacon had as he held it; the church of *Thornham*, with the tithes and all belonging to it; his land at *Freinges*, with 70 acres of land in *Secheford*, free and quit of all service, with the land of *Owen* of *Lakesle*.

This being made a cell to the priory of *Norwich* that house appointed a monk of their body, to be prior here at *Lyn*, who appears to be responsable to the priory of *Norwich*, for the rents and profits he received, and seems to be removable at pleasure.

Bishop *Turbe* granted to this priory the church of *Wigenhale* St. *Germans*, of the gift of *William Giffard* Earl of *Bucks*, with two parts of the tithe of *North Rungton* and *Middleton*. See there. *Reg. Norw.*

Bishop *Turbe* of *Norwich* confirmed to the monks of *Norwich*, the church of St. *Margaret*, and all their former grants, with the soc, the men, (and the fair as granted by his predecessor, *Herbert*) in the reign

[1] Reg. 1. Ecc. Cath. Norw. fol. 28.

[2] Reg. Priorat. Hoxon. pen. Thom. Gurdon. Armig.

of *Henry* II. *et quondam grevam*, between the 2 bridges: *greva*, a place on the sands by the water side.

PRIORS.

William occurs prior in the reign of *Richard* I. To this *William*, *Henry* the prior, and convent of *Castleacre*, grant *totam Hagnelosam*, (*Haclose*,) or what is now called *Haveless Hall*,[3] to be held of him by the rent of 20*s. per ann.* and all their land in *Myntlyng*, which is held of the church of St. *Margaret* of *Lyn*, for 20 years, at the rent also of 20*s. per ann.*

In the beginning of King *John's* reign, *William*, prior, and convent of *Norwich*, granted to *John de Grey* Bishop of *Norwich*, the fair of *Lyn*, the *Saturday* mercate, and all the pleas and profits whatsoever which they held, by virtue of a lay fee, with a messuage near the chapel of St. *Nicholas* to the west, and a messuage near *Surflete* bridge, with all their salt pits in the villages of *Lyn* and *Geywode*, and the toll which they held there, in exchange for the manor of *Cress. Magna*, and *Sedgford*, in *Norfolk*.[4] Witnesses, Mr. *William de Lenn*, Mr. *Jeffrey de Derham*, Mr. *Robert de Tywe*, &c. *sans* date, about the 7th of King *John*.

This Bishop confirmed to the monks of *Norwich*, the church of St. *Margaret*, with the chapel of St. *James* and St. *Nicholas*, and the church of *Mintling*, and all the tithes of his demean lands at *Gaywode*, except those that belonged to the church of St. *Faith* of *Gaywode*, dated 11th Kal. *April*, *Anno Pontif.* 5°. witnesses, Master *William de Lenne*, Master *Robert de Gloucestre*, and *Alan de Grey*.[5]

Adam de Schipdam called late prior in 1285.

1309, *John de Bromholm*, occurs prior: quere, if not of *Norwich*?

John de Stratton, prior, had a license from the Bishop of *Norwich*, to take confessions in the town and deanery of *Lynn*, and to absolve and to enjoin penance, dated at *Norwich* 11th Kal. *March*, 1325.

William, prior of *Lenn*, grants by deed to *William* and *Henry*, son of *Richard*, son of *Turuf*, one shop in the fair of St. *Margaret*, which was between the shop of *Richard*, son of *Edward*, and *John*, son of *Peter*, to be held of the church of St. *Margaret* freely, &c. paying 11*d. per ann.*; sealed with the seal of St. *Margaret*, *sans date*.

In the 6th of *Richard* II. in 1382, *Henry Spencer* Bishop of *Norwich* alienes to the prior a piece of land in *Gaywode*, called *Ryfield*, and 50*l.* of land in *Thornham*, *Thorney*, *Hilderston*, *North Elmham* and *Blofield*.

Ralph de Marham occurs prior in 1378, and 1387.

Frater Alexander, *A*°. 4 *Richard* II. quere, if not of *Norwich*?

John de Carleton occurs in 1397, and *Walter Ornesby* in the said year.

Richard de Folsham occurs in 1398 and 1399, in his computus to the prior of *Norwich*, from the feast of St. *Michael*, in the 22d of *Richard* II.

1403, *John Elys*.

[3] Reg. Castl.
[4] Reg. 1 Ecc. Cath. Norw. fol. 28.
[5] Reg. Ecc. Cath. Norw. fol. 36.

In 1426, the temporalities of this priory in St. *Margaret's* parish, in rent, were taxed at 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

In 1426, the prior charged for temporalities here at 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and depending, with St. *Margaret's* church, the chapel of St. *Nicholas* and St. *James's*, on *Norwich* priory, was exempt from the archdeacon's visitation and jurisdiction, belonging to the Bishop; and for their temporalities and spiritualities were taxed at 7*l.* 16*s.* in 1428.

1430, Master *John de Derham*, S. T. P.

Thomas Heveryngham occurs in the 16th of *Henry* VI. 1437; quere, if not 1422?

John Fornsete, brother or friar, 1437, in the 16th of *Henry*, and in the first year of *John Heveryngland*, prior; his compotus or accounts from the feast of St. *Michael*, in the 16th of *Henry* VI. (to the prior of *Norwich*, *John Heveryngland*) to the said feast in the 17th of that King stand thus:

In remains of the last year 3*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*—received in rent at *Lyn* 4*l.*—in rent at *Geywode* 11*s.* 11*d.*—in *Myntlyng* rents 1*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.*—in *Hystington* rent 4*s.* 9*d.*—in a pension of the church of *Geywode* 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*—in a pension of the prioress of *Blacborgh* 6*s.* 8*d.*[6]—of a farm of lands and houses at *Lenn* 7*l.* 19*s.* 4*d.*—of lands and houses at *Geywode* 3*l.* 19*s.*—of a farm of land at *Wells* 20 comb of oats—of a farm in *Wigenhale* 11*s.*—of the manor of *Haveclose* 6*l.*—by *(focalibus)* fewell sold there 1*l.* 9*s.*—of tithes in *Myntlyng* 12*s.*—in oblatia and obventions of St. *Margaret's* church 44*l.*—in ditto of St. *Nicholas* chapel 10*l.* 10*s.* 8*d. ob.*—ditto of St. *James's* chapel 13*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.*—in tithes 60*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.*—in legacies of the deed 7*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.*—in mortuaries 5*s.* 2*d.*—in masses and *de certo* (fixed) 6*l.* 7*s.* 1*d.*—in oblation at the images in the church and the chapels 3*l.* 2*s. ob.*—in wax sold 4*l.*—of the monks *(de fratribus) pro quartâ parte canonica* 2*s.* 6*d.*—of the boarders 6*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*—in *exit domus* 1*s.* 3*d.*—Total 190*l.* 7*s.* 1½*d.*

In rent paid to the Bishop of *Norwich*, with a fine, suit of his courts, &c. 2*l.* 10*s.*—ditto paid to the prior of *Castle* 1*l.*—ditto the prior of *Mountjoy* 6*s.* 6*d.*—rent to the Lord *Nevil* 2*l.* 0*s.* 1*d. ob.*—ditto to the abbot of *Sawtree* 1*s.*—ditto to *John Drew* 1*s.*—to suit of the King's court 1*s.*—in a pension to the chapel of *Myntlyng* 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*—in stipends to 3 priests 3*l.* and 5*s. ex gratia*—in stipend to 2 clerks 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*—in wine for the church and hospitalib; 2*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.*—in oyl 18*s.* 7*d.*—in other expenses in the church and chapels 3*l.* 14*s.* 7*d.*—in 32 quarters and 6 bushels of wheat 7*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.*—in 52 quarters of malt 7*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*—in 53 *doliis* of beer 3*l.* 9*s.* 1*d.*—in flesh and fish 11*l.* 16*s.* 6*d. ob.*—in salt and spices 1*l.* 2*s.* 9*d.*—in provisions at market 28*l.* 4*s.* 1*d. ob.*—in focalib; and carriage 8*l.* 8*s.* 1*d. ob.*—in servants wages 7*l.* 6*s.* 6*d.*—in cloth for the servants livery 3*l.* 0*s.* 10*d.*—in the prior's expenses 1*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*—in a horse that was bought 2*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.*—in shoeing the horses 17*s.* 10*d.*—in bran, oats and bread 11*s.* 8*d.*—in repairs of the cellarer, &c. 8*s.* 11*d.*—in repairs of the houses within the priory 10*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.*—in building a new house in *Stonegate* 19*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*—in repair of the pavement in town 6*s.* 6*d.*—in repairs at *Haveclose* 8*s.* 10*d.*—in linen for the napery 1*l.* 7*s.* 8*d.*—in brass vessels for the kitchen 1*l.* 10*s.*—in one garnish of pewter vessel 13*s.* 4*d.*—in an 100 of tallow candles 12*s.* 6*d.*—in the prior's pension 3*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*—in the cellarer's pen-

[6] Of Blacb. priory for a portion of the tithes of the Lord Scales land in Middleton.

sion 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*—in the chamberlain's and pitancier's pension 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*—in a pension to a scholar 14*s.*—in gifts to brother *John Folsham* for his acts 13*s.* 4*d.*—in a moiety and fourth part of a tenth to the King 6*l.* 7*s.* 11*d. ob.*—in a contribution laid on then for the subsidy to the siege of *Calais*, in collecting the tenths and installing of the prior 4*l.* 5*s.* 3*d. ob.*—in necessary expenses and divers officers 1*l.* 3*s.* 11*d. ob.*—in small and foreign expenses, &c. at divers feasts 4*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.*—in gifts, rewards or presents given by the convent 1*l.* 9*s.* 10*d. ob.*—in oblations for the convent on the feast of the Trinity 6*l.* 12*s.*—to the servants or serjeants at the said feast 1*l.* 2*s.* 10*d.*—to the monks carriage 2*l.* 16*s.* 5*d. ob.*—in gifts to them 1*l.* 8*s.*—at our first coming to *Lenn* with 2 brother monks 10*s.* 1*d.* and in carriage of cloaths and books,—on the day of this compotus or account 3*s.* 4*d.*—Total expenses 196*l.* 8*s.*

In 19th of *Henry* VI. offerings to the images were 52*s.* 3*d.* *A°.* 1440.

In 1447, the offerings to the image were 30*s.* 4*d. ob.*

In 1448, it appears here was a prior, a cellarer, a pittancier, and a camerarius, or chamberlain.

Nicholas Bardeney occurs prior *A°.* 4th of *Henry* VII.

In 1503, *John Ellis* occurs prior.

In 1509, and 1517, *George Elyngham*, prior.

George Elyngham in the 1st of *Henry* VIII. accounted of 24*l.* 10*s.* received of the offerings of the parishioners, on the principal feast days, masses of requiem, churchings, weddings and holy bread—6*l.* 4*s.* in the same account, from St. *Nicholas* chapel, and 2*l.* 6*s.* 9*d.* for that of St. *James's* chapel—21*l.* 8*s.* for the personal tithes of the whole town—30*s.* for legacies—6*s.* 8*d.* taken out of the boxes at the images of Saints, in the church and chapels, including the chapel of St. *Mary* at the bridge—16*l.* 10*s.* for the profits and offerings of the chapel of the Virgin *Mary* at the mount—3*l.* 0*s.* 4*d.* for the offerings of the good cross in St. *Margaret's* churchyard—18*s.* for mortuaries sold—40*s.* for certeyns, or annual masses, including the certeyn or annual stipend of the gild of the Holy Trinity.

Edmund Norwich occurs prior: by the compotus of his, from St. *Michael* 1535, to St. *Michael* 1536, I find received in rent of a house at *Lynn* 6*l.* 12*s.* 10*d.*—rent in *Bawsey* and *Gaywode* 14*s.*—rent of land on this side and beyond *Geywood* bridge 8*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*—rent of *Outwell* and *Wet.* 5*s.* 6*d.*—for *Haclose* manor 12*l.*—rent in *Myntling* 30*s.* (said to be detained by *Thomas Thursby*)—in *Wigenhale* 18*s.*—rector of *Geywode's* pension 66*s.* 8*d.*—prioress of *Blackburgh* 6*s.*—received of the oblations of St. *Margaret's* church, on the principal feasts and masses for the dead, and of the guilds, with the holy bread 14*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*—of St. *Nicholas's* chapel for oblations, &c. 4*l.*—of St. *James's* chapel, ditto 3*l.* 4*s.* and for personal tithes of the whole village of *Lenn* 28*l.*—expended to the King's baylif for rent of land in *Lenn* and *Gaywode* and *Myntlyn* 48*s.*—to the bayliff of the hundred of *Freebridge* 12*d.*—to the prior of *Castleacre* 20*s.*—in bread and corn 8*l.*—in malt 9*l.*—in provision bought at the market 24*l.* 7*s.* 4½*d.*—in two barrels of white herrings 24*s.*—in 3 cadis of red herrings 20*s.*—in candle of tallow 13*s.* 4*d.*—in bread to celebrate 10*s.* and in wine 30*s.*—to barbers and laundresses 18*s.*—in wages to several 9*l.* 18*s.*—to a stipendiary chaplain 13*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*—pension to the prior of *Norwich nothing*, on account of the poverty of the cell—to the prior of *Lyn nothing*, on the same ac-

count—to the treasurer 16*d.*—in fuel bought 40*s.*—in wax bought 49*s.* 11*d.*—in repairing a tenement in *Lathe-street* 4*l.*—in making a lode called *Mayde lode*, at the command of the King's lord chief justice 23*l.*—the King's tenths 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*—in carriage of the monks 6*s.* 8*d.*—in the visitation of the priory 40*s.*—in servants livery 3*l.*—in parchment and writing of the compotus 20*d.* on the day of the compotus 3*s.* 4*d.*

In *Henry* the Third's reign *William de Lewis* gave to this priory 12 acres of his land in *Wigenhale*, for his own soul, that of *Maud* his wife, and *Godfrey* his son and heir, *s. d.*; witnesses, *William de Sarcell, Walter de Capravill.*

1509, Out of the boxes *(pyxidib;)* of all the Saints in the church of St. *Margaret*, St. *Nicholas*, and St. *James's* chapel, and that of St. *Mary* at the bridge 6*s.* 4*d.*

In the 19th of *Edward* III. Sir *John de Wylton*, Knt. conveyed by fine the advowson of a chantry here to *John de Munpinzoun* in this church, with 2 messuages and lands.

John de Grey Bishop of *Oxford*, in the fifth year of his consecration, confirmed the charters of his predecessors to the prior and convent of *Norwich:* at which time they released to him all their right in the profits of the fairs of *Lynn* and *Gaywode*, and the *Saturday* market at *Lynn*, and all their salt pans, lands, rents, houses and lay fees, which belonged to the priory of *Lynn*, for which he gave them, in exchange, all his right in the manor of *Sechesford*, and the manor of *Great Cressingham;* except the advowson and the service of the knight's fees there, reserving to himself and successours the same authority that they had in the other manors of the monks.

This priory was on the south side of St. *Margaret's* church (built and founded also by *Herbert*) and appointed by him as a cell to his new monastery, founded at *Norwich*, in his cathedral, of the Benedictine order, and endowed by him with that church, &c. and the manor of this town, &c.

After the dissolution of it, it was partly pulled down, to enlarge the churchyard: part of it is still standing, as may be observed, and the lane adjoining retains the name of the *Priory Lane.*

The monks of Saint *Margaret* and the Holy Trinity growing wealthy and powerful, beyond the design of the founder, *John Grey*, Bishop of *Norwich*, in his fourth year, to recover the interest and power in this town which his predecessors had, made an exchange with the priory of *Norwich*, to whom this cell belonged, for other lands belonging to his see.

John de Grey Bishop of *Norwich*, by deed dated on the same day and year with the exchange of lands between him and the prior and convent of *Norwich*, appropriated the church of St. *Margaret* to the convent of *Norwich, viz.*

OMNIB; sanctæ ecclesiæ matris filijs, Johannis Dei gratiâ Norwicensis episcopus, salutem: Noverit. universitas vestra nos divinæ pietatis intuitu concessisse, et p'senti charta confirmasse dilectis filiis nostris Monachis Norwic. ecclesiam Stæ. Margaretæ de Lenn, cum omnib; spiritualib; ad eam pertinentib; tam in decimis, quam in oblationib; et allijs omnib;

[7] Monast. Angl. 4. 545.

obventionib; spiritualib; cum capellis suis, scil. St. Jacobi et St. Nicolaj' in proprios usus in perpetuum possidendam, &c. Et ecclesiam de Mintling, cum omnib; ad eam pertinentib; et omnes decimas de dominio nostro de Gaywood, præter illas quæ ad ecclesiam Stæ. Fidis de Gaywood pertinent, ita ut faciant in prædictis ecclesijs et capellis ministrari competenter p. capellanos suos, p. rationabili voluntate suâ amovendos et admittendos, et ita qd. nulli, nisi soli episcopo in curiâ suâ propriâ si voluerit and usus suos (sicuti in alijs manerijs suis habet) liceat infra parochias p'dictar. ecclesiarum de Lenn et Mintling, capellam aliquam præter authoritatem episcopalem, & consensum prioris et conventus, monachor. et si quæ constructa fuerit in proprios usus cedat monachorum.

The church of St. *Margaret* was built, probably, on the site of some old church there, but whether that old church was also dedicated to St. *Margaret* is not certain.

An order from the mayor, &c. *A°.* 36 *Henry* VI. to build the bell-tower of St. *Margaret's* church.

Bishop *Turbe* enjoined the clergy not to receive in his church, any mariners, or any who came to the port of *Lyn*, or to receive or demand any benefit, or gift of them, or to afford them burial, that the church of St. *Margaret* might suffer thereby, which church was founded by Bishop *Herbert*, of holy memory, for this end especially, that all applying and coming to the port of *Lyn* by sea, pay obedience to the said church, and the offices and duties of Christianity.

In 1506, the Bishop of *Norwich* interdicted this church, because the inhabitants were not obedient to some of his orders, and the quire only was permitted to have service in it, and baptism to be performed.

By a bull of Pope *Innocent*, all persons drowned between St. *Edmund's* point and *Staplewere*, were enjoined to be buried in the churchyard of the monks of *Norwich*, at *Lenn*, that is in this churchyard.

The church was valued at 106 marks.

In the 35th of *Edward* III. a patent was granted to enlarge St. *Margaret's* churchyard.

St. *Erasmus* altar was in this church.

In the 8th of *Henry* IV. a patent was granted to found St. *Margaret's* gild.

In the 19th of *Henry* IV. a patent for establishing the aldermen, scabins, and brethren of the great gild of merchants or fraternity of the Holy Trinity in this church.

In the 16th of *Richard* II. license was granted for 5 messuages, 1 key, 11*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* rent, and a ferry boat.

In the 26th of *Henry* VI. license for a messuage and land in *Lenn*.

In the 9th of *Henry* IV. there was a patent of license to found a chantry here: quere, if not *Thoresby*.

In 1677, return of a commission to place the organ;—1697, an order to remove it.

In 1624, the Bishop consecrated a piece of ground, added to the churchyard.

The impropriation of this church being purchased (as was said before) by the corporation of *Lynn*, from the bishoprick of *Norwich*, at the general dissolution of the monasteries, there is now no revenue belonging to it, save only some few annuities which are applied to the repairs thereof, and are as follows:

	L.	s.	d.
An annuity granted to this church by the corporation	3	6	8
Another granted out of *Paradice Garden* - - - - -	6	0	0
Another granted out of certain houses at the north end of *Codlin Lane* - - - - - - - - - -	0	6	8
Another granted out of certain tenements near *Littleport Bridge* (now demolished) the gift of Mr. *Kennet*, to the church - - - - - - - - - -	0	5	0

Notwithstanding this, the dean and chapter of *Norwich* still retain their ancient right and privileges as formerly, of presenting a curate or minister to this church, who as such, is obliged to perform, or cause to be performed, all divine offices, both here and at the chapel, for which services he is entitled to receive the surplice fees for christenings, marriages, burials, &c. as also, all other perquisites thereunto belonging, as herbage, dolefish, &c.

But the preachers (who are styled, and accounted lecturers) are chosen and appointed by the corporation, who generously allow to each, a certain salary of 100*l. per ann.* which is paid them by the chamberlain for the time being, without any trouble or incumbrance whatsoever: and note, they have this further advantage in it, which makes it the more valuable, that this preferment does no ways disqualify or incapacitate them from holding other livings, with the cure of souls.

There are two at present under this denomination, viz. the Reverend *Charles Bagge*, D. D. curate and lecturer, and the Reverend *Van Eyre*, archdeacon of *Carlisle*, both eminent in their performances, who alternately preach twice every Lord's day, here and at the chapel of St. *Nicholas*.

Here was some time since, in my memory, a sermon or lecture, every *Thursday*, for which the preacher was allowed a certain salary by the corporation, and at which the mayor, with the sword and serjeants at mace, were generally present; and after the service ended, the clergy and others (whom it was thought fit) were entertained by the mayor, at a plentiful dinner; the master, usher, and scholars of the free school, were also obliged to attend the church, &c. but this has long since been discontinued, viz. from the year 1692. Here also is a sermon on every new year's day, for which the preacher receives 20*s.* the gift of *John Stroger's*, late cook of this corporation, who also gave yearly for ever, 14*s.* to 14 poor widows in *Trinity-hall* ward, in this town, the place where he lived and died; as also 10*s.* to 10 poor widows in *Sedgford-lane* ward, and 10*s.* to 10 poor widows in *Stonegate* ward, &c. as by his will, dated 20 *April*, 1670.

Likewise a sermon is preached in this church every Good *Friday*, for which 20*s.* is appropriated, being the gift of Mr. *Edmund Robinson*, Gent.

As also another sermon every 4th year, in commemoration of Mr. *John Crane*, late apothecary in *Cambridge*, a good benefactor to the poor of this town.

And I find it upon record, that sermons have formerly been preached here in this place, upon holy days, begun in the year 1616, for which the minister received only the voluntary benevolence and contributions of the inhabitants, and no certain salary, but this last was soon discontinued, upon the death of the preacher.

It is not beyond memory, that before the Restoration, and for some time after, I observed the time and space in preaching the sermon was generally conformable, and directed by the hour-glass, set up in most churches in *England*, in an iron frame for that purpose; accordingly a very fine one here was had from *Holland*, which cost xviiis. as appears in the church-wardens accounts, *ao.* 1661; but this, and the use of it, are now every where laid aside, and I wish that machine was not by some people more regarded and taken notice of than the minister's precepts and discourse, according to that of the prophet *Amos*, 8 and 5, saying, "When will the new moon be gone that we "my sell corn, and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, &c." as thinking the time too long ere the glass was run out.

Having said thus much with respect to this great parochial church in particular, I come now to those monumental inscriptons and funeral epitaphs, which were extant in and about the quire, side isles and chapels, *ao.* 1725. Notwithstanding, I cannot but regret the loss of so many beautiful, rich, and costly portraitures in brass fixed here upon the graves and tombstones of our ancestors, in order to perpetuate their memories to posterity, which have been so impiously and sacrilegiously torn away and defaced, of which, some few now only remain, not unworthy the observation of the curious, for exquisite and rare workmanship of fine engraven figures, and other decorations delineated thereupon, and those only but five in number.

And I cannot omit taking notice of one remarkable article which I meet with in the church-wardens account for the year 1645, where it is thus inserted, viz. "Item to *William King* for defacing superstitious epitaphs, 5*s*." Too great a reward for so bad a service.

THE CHARNELL HALL.

On the north side of the churchyard stands an ancient pile, a chapel, adjoining to the west end of the north isle of the old church of St. *Margaret*; the upper part of this pile was a chapel, and the lower part a charnel-house, where the bones take out, on the digging of the many graves, were deposited. Every abbey and priory seems to have had one belonging to them, and a chapel over it, as at *Norwich*, &c.; the upper part or chapel was turned, at the Dissolution, into a free school, and so continues. Quere, if not St. *John's* chapel? probably that mentioned in Sir *William Sautre* the priest's case, parson of St. *Margaret's*, who was condemned in the visitation of Archbishop *Arundel*, *A°.* 2 *Henry* IV. and a special writ made for his burning, in the parliament of the 3d of that King.

On an inquisition taken in the 3d of *Elizabeth*, by certain commissioners (see in *Trinity* guild) the jury present, that there was a charnel-house in St. *Margaret's* churchyard, which is now a school-house; the founders thereof were *Thomas Thursbye*, *Walter Coney*, and —— *Locke*, merchants of the said town, but to what use it was founded they knew not; to which there belonged one bell, taken down by the mayor, since the death of *Henry* VIII. in what year they knew not; and that there did belong to the charnel-house, certain lands and tenements lying and being in *King's Lynn*, *Wigenhale* St. *Mary*, and

Gaywood, n the tenure of divers men, whose names they knew not, to the value of 10*l. per ann.*

TRINITY CHAPEL IN ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH.

On the north side of the chancel of St. *Margaret's* church is the chapel of the *Holy Trinity,* belonging to the gild or fraternity of the *Holy Trinity.*

Emma, late wife of *Robert Russel* of *Thorp,* in her pure widowhood, gives and grants to *Martin,* son of *Roger de Thorp,* and his heirs, three shillings rent, which she and her ancestors used to have of the *Gyldhalle* of *Lenn,* with all the rights, power, and liberty, any ways due from the said tenement, or tenants thereof; witnesses, Sir *John Curpel,* Sir *Adam Talbot,* Knights, *Hugh de Schuldham, Hubert Hakun,* of the same, (&c. *sans* date,) *John de Nova Aula* in *Fyncham, Walter Godsyl* of the same.

In the quire of St. *Margaret's,* on the north side of the most easterly window, *Heydon,* impaled, with *Peyton, sable,* a cross engrailed, *or.* On the windows over against it, on the south side of the quire, many more coats quartered; in the south isle, the most easterly window *argent,* two chevronels, *sable,* on a canton of 1st, an annulet of 2d. In the north isle, most easterly, a stone in brass work, and portraiture of *Walter Cony,* and *Joan* his wife. A stone more north of *Attelath,* all brassed over.

King *Edward* I. in his 33d year, granted this town a patent for a gild, (*Trinity* gild) of merchants.

In the 35th of *Edward* III. there was a patent for a cemetery or churchyard here. *Pat.* 3. *M.* 14.

In a plea against the burgesses of *Lenn, temp. Edward* III. for merchandises, *imbraciandis,* the jury say that King *John,* by his letters patents, gave to that burgh, divers liberties, in which is granted them a certain guild of merchants, (viz. *Trinity* gild,) which liberties, the present King (*Edward* III.) has confirmed, and say that from the time of that grant and confirmation of the same, they have bought and sold these merchandises, mill-stones and marbles, for altars and gravestones, as often as they were brought to the said village, by two men of the gild aforesaid, called *skiveyns;* and they further say, that every merchant, as well in the town as without, who is willing to buy any such merchandises, may buy them freely and quietly. *Plita Pasch. Term. ao.* 38 *Ed. III.*

Thomas Bishop of *Ely* gives and grants license to *Richard Salisbury, Robert Hamond, Henry Wright, John Smyth,* and *William Andrew,* capellanes, that they may give and assign two messuages, with the appurtenances which were held of him, and of his fee, to *Henry Thoresby,* alderman, *Simon Pigot, Richard Cosyng, Thomas Benet,* and *William Pilton,* custodes or scabins, and to the brethren of the fraternity or gild of merchants, of the *Holy Trinity* of *Lenn Episcopi.* Dated *die sabbati,* before the feast of St. *Faith* the Virgin, 25th of *Henry* VI.

In the 26th of *Henry* VI. *Henry Thorisby*, alderman, and the keepers and scaburnes and brethren of the fraternity or merchants gyld of the Holy Trinity of *Lynn Bishop*, purchased of Sir *Thomas Scales* and *Imania* his wife, and *William Godend*, by fine, then levied, the mill called *Scales* mill in *South Lynn*.——*Fin. Norf.* 26 *Hen.* VI. *L.* 2, *N.* 116.

In the 26th of *Henry* VI. this guild had a patent for a messuage and 7 acres of meadow in *South Lynn*.

ST. NICHOLAS'S CHAPEL.

This chapel of St *Nicholas* is supposed to have been founded by *Turbus* or *de Turbe* Bishop of *Norwich*, in the reign of King *Stephen*, who, after it was built and consecrated, gave it to the monks of the priory of *Norwich* cathedral, with all its profits. At its consecration it was debarred (as a chapel to St. *Margaret* of the rites of baptism and marriage, to witness its dependency on St. *Margaret's*, the mother church; but the parishioners, about 25 years after its consecration, attempting to make it a parochial church, occasioned the successour of the founder, Bishop *John de Oxford*, solemnly to decree, that it should be a chapel only, dependant absolutely on the church of St. *Margaret*. However, the same humour still prevailed, and one of the chaplains officiating herein, procured a license from the Pope, that it might enjoy the rite of baptism, which bull was recalled at the instance of the Bishop, and the prior and convent of *Norwich*.

In 1609, was the last effort to make it parochial and independent, but on an hearing in the consistory court at *Norwich*, it appearing by depositions, that all the inhabitants within the limits of St. *Nicholas's* chapel, though they received the sacrament or communion there, yet paid their personal tithes and offerings to the farmers of the rectory (or dissolved priory) of St. *Margaret*, and though persons were buried at St. *Nicholas*, yet none were baptized or married there, without special license or dispensation, and that there was no font in the chapel, and that from its foundation, to the priory's dissolution, it was served by a monk of the priory of St. *Margaret*, assigned by the prior, and afterwards served by a curate; it was over-ruled.

ST. NICHOLAS'S CHAPEL AND ST. GEORGE'S GILD.

In the mayoraltry of *Jeffrey Talb*, 1374, the Pope's bull was granted to build this chapel.

In this chapel was the guild of St. *George*:—to this guild the jurors report, in the 3d of *Elizabeth*, that there appertaineth a hall, called St. *George's Hall*, with house and buildings thereunto annexed, with certain tenements, cellers, curtilages and gardens to the same belonging, lying, and being in *King's Lynn* aforesaid, in the tenure of the mayor and brethren of the said town, to the yearly value of 40*s*. *Item*, there did belong to the said guild 16 acres of pasture in *Wigenhale*; St. *Peter's*, late in the tenure of *William Pers*, to the yearly value of 40*s*. —*Item*, more in *Wigenhale*, St. *Mary's*, 12 acres and an half of pasture

in the tenure of *Thomas Fenne*, to the value of 30*s.* by the year.—*Item*, there belongs to this chapel a great bell containing by estimation 20 hundred weight.—*Item*, there doth belong to the said chapel certain houses, lands, tenements, and pastures lying and being in the said town of *King's Lynn* and *Gaywood*; to the yearly rent of 6*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* in whose tenure we know not, nor to what use they were given.

That this chapel was an ancient one, appears by King *John's* appropriating St. *Margaret's* church with this chapel, to the monks of the cathedral of *Norwich*.—An ancient deed, *sans* date, (perhaps before this,) was executed in it, (a practice highly ancient.)

Ego Lemarus de Walpole, et Beatrix uxor mea, dedimus et concessimus priori de Lewis et conventui suo, &c. et ad hanc venditionem; firmiter et inconcusse tenendum et contra natos et non natos warrantizandum, primo in ecclesia St. Nicholai de Lenna in manu Herberti de Helingeat affidamus, et postea in camiterio St. Jacobi de Acre,[3] *sup. quatuor Evangelia juravimus.*

This guild of St. *George* was confirmed (in the first of *Edward* IV.) or founded, and had then the King's patent for it. *First of Edw. IV. part* 5 *M.* 17. The hall is in *Chequer-street*.

King *Henry* IV. on the 3d of *February*, in his 7th year, gives to *Thomas Lathe*, Esq. and *Alice* his wife, and their heirs, one messuage and 6 cottages, here in *Lynn*, formerly *William Hanwyks*, given by him to the fraternity of St. *George*, in the church of St. *Nicholas*, and forfeited. *Pat.* 7 *Hen. IV. p.* 2. *M.* 3.

St. *George's* guild had 7 acres of land in *Sadlebow*, held of Sir *Thomas Bedingfeld*, lord of *Seche*, in the reign of *Henry* VIII. *Evid. Bedingf.*

Of St. *Andrew's* guild here, (quere.)

John Alcock Bishop of *Ely*, *June* 3, 1490, granted 40 days pardon or indulgence, to all the brethren and sisters of the guild of St. *Etheldreda* in St. *Nicholas's* chapel of *Lynn*, at the altar of St. *Etheldreda*, the most holy Virgin, there founded, and to all who should hear mass, at the said altar, and to all who said *quinquies* before the said altar, the Lord's Prayer, and the Salutation *quinquies*. *Reg. Alc. Ep. El.*

CURATES.

Matthias Swallow, curate, named by the dean and chapter of *Norwich*, under their seal, *January* 3, 1628.

Nicholas Toll, A. M. admitted curate, 1657, *December* 14.

Nicholas Price occurs, 1621.

William Falkener, D. D. died *April* 9, 1682.

Mr. *Killeingbeck* succeeded him, of St. *Nicholas's* chapel.

John Arrowsmith, one of the assembly of divines, 1643; quere, if curate?

John Jaggard, S. T. B. died *November* 11, 1702.

Thomas Fish, rector of *Stavely* in *Yorkshire*, and of *Ringstead* St. *Peter's*, *Norfolk*.

William Falkener, D. D. preacher here, published *Christian Loyalty*,

[3] Castleacre.

or a Discourse to prove the King's supremacy in ecclesiastical affairs: printed at *London*, 1684.

And a *Vindication of Liturgies*, or set Forms of Prayer: printed at *London*, 1680.

Henry IV. by his letters patents, gave and granted license to *John Brandon*, *Bartholomew Sistern*, and *John Snailwell* of *Lenne Episcopi*, that they might make, found, and establish to the honour of God, and the glorious Martyr St. *George*, a certain fraternity, brotherhood, and perpetual guild of themselves and others, who out of their devotion were willing to be of the said fraternity and guild: and that brothers and sisters of the fraternity and guild, for the time being, might choose make and ordain one alderman, and four *custodes* of the said fraternity and guild, yearly, for the good and profit of the same, and out of the brethren of the said fraternity and guild: and that the said alderman and *custodes*, and their successours, by the names of the aldermen and *custodes* of the said guild, should have power, and be able to take, receive and hold any lands, tenements, rents, and possessions whatsoever, or should be by any ways or means granted to them, and to do in all other respects, &c. and to act as the rest of his liege subjects, or persons do, and have power, and are enabled to act.

And further the said King, out of his abundant grace, granted and gave license, by his said letters patent, for himself and his heirs, to the aforesaid alderman and *custodes*, and their successours, for the time being, that they might receive and hold to themselves and their successours for ever, and purchase of *John March* all the right that *Richard Waterden* had therein of all that tenement, with a kay adjoining, with all its buildings and appertenances in *Lenn* aforesaid, which belonged to *Robert Baylly*, which tenement is in the street called *Le Cheker*, between the tenement formerly of *John de Couteshale* and the heirs of the late *William Bytering*, now of *William Hundredpound*, and the heirs of the late *John Wyntworth*, on the south part, the tenement formerly of *Nicholas Swerdeston*, late of *John Wyghton*, wherein *Walter Tudenham* now dwells, and extends itself in length from the common way towards the west, to the tenement formerly of *Dominick Baude*, afterwards of *Richard Denue*, lately of *John Greene*, clerk, then of *Thomas Botekesham* to the east. And the aforesaid kay lies opposite to the said tenement, in breadth, between the kay formerly of the aforesaid *John Couteshale*, lately of the aforesaid *John Wyntworth*, to the south, and the common lane *(venellam)* called *Cornelane*, on the north, and extends itself from the common way to the east, to the great bank *(ripam)* of *Lenne* to the west, as well for the maintenance of one or two chaplains, as to pray for the good estate of the King and his most beloved consort *Joan*, Queen of *England*, as long as they lived, and for their souls after their deaths, and for the souls of his most beloved lord and father, and mother deceased, as also for the good state of all and singular the brothers and sisters of the fraternity and guild aforesaid, according to the will and ordinance of the aforesaid alderman, the *custodes*, and their successours.

Richard Waterden demised, quitclaimed, and confirmed all the aforesaid premises, to *John Muryell*, alderman of the aforesaid guild, *Henry Marchall*, *Thomas Bryan*, *John Adams* and *Simon Scotland*, the *custodes*, and to the rest of the brethren, &c. and their successours for ever, all the aforesaid tenement with the kay opposite to it, with

all the edifices and appertenances which were *Robert Baylly's*, and all his right, &c. which he had therein, to have and to hold the same, &c.

John Spicer, mayor, *Thomas Hunte*, alderman of the great guild of the Holy Trinity; witness, *Thomas Thoresby*, *John Parmenter*, *William Spire*, *John Brightyeve*, *Phil°. Frank*, burgesses of *Lenn*, &c. *Dat. apud Lenne*, *Ep°.* 20 *June*, in the first of *Henry* VI.

Thomas Lathe, Esq. and *Alice* his wife, gave a messuage and 6 cottages to the guild of St. *George*, in St. *Nicholas*, which he had by a grant of King *Henry* IV. *February* 13, *A°.* 7°. formerly *William Haunkeyn's*.

In the 7th of *Henry* V. *John Muriel*, alderman; *Henry Smith*, *Thomas Bryan*, *Henry Lombe* and *Thomas Creton*, then *custodes*.

In the 13th of *Henry* VIII. *William Serveys*, *Edward Baker*, *John Dowty* and *John Scales*, scabini of St. *George's* gild.

King *Edward* VI. when he granted, the 21st of *May*, in his 2d year, and *Thomas Leyton*, alderman, to the mayor and burgesses, the lands, tenements, &c. belonging to the guild of the Holy Trinity, granted also to the mayor, &c. one capital messuage, or hall, called St. *George's hall*, with the houses, &c. thereto annexed; *viz.* a cellar, pantry, kitchen, also a tenement on the south side of the said hall in the tenure of *John Fragis*, one tenement, with a camera (warehouse) by the garden there, on the south side, in the tenure of *Thomas Taylor*, one storehouse with chambers over it, in the tenure of *William Mowthe*, one curtilage by the port there, in the tenure of *Robert Palmer*, one storehouse in the tenure of *Edward Baker*, one storehouse in the tenure of *Thomas Waters*, one in the tenure of *William Baxter*, one tenement called *Le Lynneshy*, in the tenure of *Robert Mowthe*, one garden in the tenure of *Richard Sanderson*, one piece of land for the laying coals on, in the tenure of *Robert Mowthe*, and one parcel of land, or garden, in the tenure of the said *Robert Mowthe*, lying and being in *Lynn*; one piece of meadow, containing 7 acres, lying at *Germin's Bridge*, in the parish of *Wigenhale*, in a meadow there, called *Sadlebow*, late in the tenure of *Thomas Feryour*, one parcel of land lying in *Seche*, in the tenure of *Thomas Springold*, late parcel of the lands, possessions, &c. of the gild of St. *George* the Martyr, in *Lynn*; and all other lands, tenements, &c. belonging to the gild of St. *George*: also all the stock of mill-stones, amounting to the value of 30*l.* late parcel of the goods of the guilds of the Holy Trinity and St. *George*.

Edward the VI. by the grace of God, &c. whereas certain lands and tenements and other hereditaments, lying in our burgh of *Lenn Regis*, *South Lynne*, *Hardewyk*, *Gaywood*, *Sechehithe*, *Middleton*, *Westwinch*, *Snetisham*, *Shernborn*, *Eaton*, (or *Gayton*,) and *Ingaldestorp*, in the county of *Norfolk*, and certain lands and tenements lying in *Brandon Ferry*, in *Suffolk*, which amount to the yearly value of 32*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.*[p] besides all reprises, were formerly given and granted to the alderman, *custodes*, or scabins, and the brethren of the merchants gild of the Holy Trinity in *Lenn Regis* aforesaid, and to their successours. And whereas other lands and tenements lying in *Lenn Regis* aforesaid, *Wiggenhale*, St. *German's* and *Seche*, in the said county of *Norfolk*,

[p] It is to be noted that all the lands, tenements, &c. belonging also to the gild of St. George, granted also in the same grant, are here included in this sum.

were formerly given and granted to the alderman, *custodes*, and brethren of the gild of St. *George* the Martyr in *Lenn* aforesaid, and to their successours, which amount to the yearly value of *5l. 3s. 8d.* all and singular whereof came to us and are in our keeping by virtue of an act of parliament made at *Westminster*, 4th of *November*, in the 1st year of our reign, and whereas the rents and profits of the same were formerly laid out in defending the breaches of the sea, repairing of banks, walls, fletes and water courses, &c. in *Lenn* aforesaid, without which the said village could not be kept and preserved against the violence of the sea; we therefore, considering and having regard to the good state and defence of the said village, out of our good will, and by the advice, &c. of our most beloved uncle, *Edward* Duke of *Somerset*, &c. and our other counsellors, have given and granted to the mayor and burgesses of *Lenn* aforesaid, out of the aforesaid lands, tenements, &c. two messuages, one water mill, 241 acres and 2 roods of arable land, 6 acres and 1 rood of meadow inclosed, and 46 acres of pasture inclosed, lying and being in the villages and fields of *Snetisham*, *Ingaldestorp*, *Eaton*, and *Shernborn*, now, or late in the tenure of *William Overend*, one messuage, called the *Chequer*, with 2 acres of land thereto belonging, and another messuage called *Pepers*, with 2 acres thereunto adjoining, 120 acres of arable land, 3 acres of pasture, and the liberty of a fold for 340 sheep, and the rent of *21d. per ann.* in *Brandon Ferry* aforesaid, in the tenure of *John Atmere*. Also one tenement now, or lately in the tenure of *William Bolton*, two tenements in the tenure of *John Salter*, one tenement, now or lately in the tenure of *Thomas Wyer*, one tenement, now or lately in the tenure of *Thomas Wilde*, one tenement, now or lately in the tenure of *John Standfast*, one tenement, &c. in the tenure of *John Shoemaker*, one tenement, &c. in the tenure of *James Mayner*, one pastnre in the tenure of *John Waters*, one messuage, or inn, called the *White Harte*, &c. in the tenure of *Thomas Mese*, one tenement in the tenure of *Edward Baker*, one tenement in the tenure of *Richard Norman*, one tenement in the tenure of *Richard Newgate*, one tenement in the tenure of *Beatrice Isloppe*, one tenement in the tenure of *Joan Wilson*, diverse tenements in the tenure of *George Felton*, two tenements in the tenure of *James* - - - - - -, one tenement in the tenure of *Robert Bleisby* one tenement in the tenure of *Edward Newton*, one tenement in the tenure of *Edward Irishman*, one tenement in the tenure of the mayor and burgesses, 2 tenements in the tenure of *William Maudersou*, one tenement in the tenure of - - - - - *Jareth*, one tenement in the tenure of *Alan Newton*, one tenement in the tenure of - - - - - *Coke*, one tenement in the tenure of *John Harte*, one tenement in the tenure of *Nicholas Ferier*, one tenement in the tenure of *Franc. Bolden*, one tenement in the tenure of *John Cragge*, one garden in the tenure of *John Wrenche*, one tenement in the tenure of *Cornelius Andrianson*, one messuage, called *Le Guild-Hall*, in the tenure of the mayor and burgesses, one tenement in the tenure of - - - - - *Wilson*, 7 houses, called warehouses, and 6 chambers over them, on the north side of the port called the *Common Stath*, 9 houses, called the warehouses, with chambers over them, on the south side of the *Cammon Stath*, one tenement in the tenure of *Thomas Courte*, one tenement in the tenure of *Robert Smith*, one tenement in the tenure of *Cath. Atkynson*, one tenement in the tenure of *Robert Rowse*, 2 tenements in the tenure of

William Clayborne, one curtilage in the tenure of *John Wilson*, one curtilage in the tenure of *Thomas Lockwood*, one curtilage in the tenure of *Robert Parke*, one curtilage in the tenure of *Sim. Newell*, one tenement in the tenure of *John Curson*, one tenement in the tenure of *John Eldred*, one tenement in the tenure of *John Sharpe*, one tenement in the tenure of *Thomas Furnel*, one tenement in the tenure of *Thomas Ackers*, one tenement in the tenure of *And. Skite*, one tenement in the tenure of *Thomas Maltward*, one tenement in the tenure of *Reg. Tayler*, one tenement in the tenure of *Robert Weyman*, one capital messuage, late *Brasum*, now, or lately in the tenure of the guild of the Holy Trinity, one messuage, called *Newhall*, in the tenure of the mayor and burgesses, one garden in the tenure of *Thomas Milner*, and one passage over the port of *Lenn*, late in the tenure of *Oliver Braiket*, all and every part of which are and lie in the village of *Lenn* aforesaid. And also 15 acres of land in *Islyngton*, in the tenure of *Robert Balding*, 15 acres of land in *Sechehithe* in the tenure of *Thomas Springold*, one inclosure in *Middleton*, in the tenure of *John Barvell*, 3 acres of land in *West Winch*, in the tenure of *Malachy Cogley*, 3 acres of land in *Seche*, in the tenure of *Thomas Baker*, one pasture in *Gaywood* in the tenure of *Barnard Water*, and one messuage, 40 acres of land, an 100 acres of pasture, 45 acres of meadow, and 50 acres of marsh, with the appertenances lying in *South Lenn*, in the tenure of *Henry Bleisby*, also a certain yearly rent of 8*d.* issuing out of tenements called *Barrett's*, in *Lenn* aforesaid, and another of 6*s.* 8*d.* issuing out of tenements late *Richard Humphrey's*, in *Lenn*, a yearly rent of 8*d.* issuing out of the tenements of *W. Pipers*, the yearly rent of 12*d.* issuing out of tenements, late *Wilson's*, the yearly rent of 13*s.* 4*d.* issuing out of tenements of *Thomas Dawson*, the yearly rent of 4*d.* issuing out of tenements late *John Alexander's*, the yearly rent of 6*s.* 8*d.* issuing out of the tenements of *John Parmyter*, the yearly rent of 12*d.* issuing out of the tenements late of *Robert Amflet*, lately belonging to the mayor and burgesses of *Lenn*, the yearly rent of 12*d.* issuing out of a curtilage late of *John Baxter's* and *William Hall*, the yearly rent of 4*d.* issuing out of the tenure of *Robert Gervys*, the yearly rent of 4*d.* issuing out of the tenements belonging to the warden of the chapel of St. *James's* in *Lenn*, the yearly rent of 3*d.* issuing out of a pasture called *Paradise* in *Lenn*, a yearly rent of 4*d.* issuing out of tenements late *John Power's*, a yearly rent of 4*d.* issuing out of the tenements of *Henry Duplack* called the *White Horse* in *Lenn*, which were lately parcel of the lands, possessions and revenues belonging to the merchants gild of the Holy Trinity in *Lenn*, aforesaid, together with all the wood-timber, trees, underwood, &c. liberties of foldage, and all other lands, tenements, &c. lying in *Lynn Regis*, *Snetisham*, *Ingaldesthorp*, *Eaton*, *Shernborne*, *South Lynn*, *Hardwyk*, *Gaywood*, *Sechehithe*, *Middleton*, *Seche*, and *West Winche* in *Norfolk*, and *Brandon Ferry* in *Suffolk*, belonging to the gild of the Holy Trinity, to be held of the King and his heirs, paying 13*l.* 16*s.* yearly, at the feasts of St. *Michael* and the Annunciation, by equal portions, at the court of augmentation. And we further grant to the said mayor and burgesses, all the stock of mill-stones, amounting to the value of 40*l.* late parcel of the goods and chattels of the gild of the Holy Trinity: and we further grant to the said mayor and burgesses and their successours, that they may purchase and acquire to themselves and successours, lands,

and tenements to the value of 100*l. per ann.* or any other sum there, without any fine to us, or to our use, and that these letters patent should be granted them, without any fee to be paid, or given. Dated at *Wansted*, 20 *May*, *A°.* 2°.

ST. FABIAN'S AND SEBASTIAN'S GILD.

At a colloquium, or general meeting (in the reign of *Henry* VII.) of this gild, held in St. *George's Hall*, on *Sunday* next after the feast of St. *Fabian* and St. *Sebastian*, *September* 2, *John Nicholl* was chosen alderman; *John Johnson*, *William Manning*, *Robert Bachelor*, *William Whithed*, scabins; clerk of the gild, *Thomas Haw*, dean *John Gyles*. The chattels of the gild in the scabins keeping.

It was then ordained, That the skevinths shal bere all as they have done before-tyme;——also the said skevens shall have of every brother on the general day, as many as dine there, 2*d.* and the morspech 1*d.*——Also ordained, that *Thomas Rudwell* and *John Lowyn*, shall bear the ded money: and *Thomas Rudwell* received 9*s.* the said *John Lowyn* received 9*s.*—Also that the said *Thomas* and *John*, shall give for occupying of the ded mony, by year, 11*s.* 8*d.*—Also ordained, the electioners[a] shall find to the encresse of the company, and in the worchep of God and the seynt, the furst morspech; the alderman shall find the second with the help of the feloshep, that he may have to the profits of the seynt ——Also that the skevens shall bere the 3 morspechs, beside the general day, accordyng to the beforesaid.

I find at this time several men and women admitted brethren and sisters, the men paying 2*s.* admission, and the women 1*s.* among them *Domps. Robs. Metford, monachus*, and paid 2*s.* and Prior *William Lobbis* or *Cobbis*, 2*s.* It was a mean gild. At one colloquium I find expended in lervis 9*d.* in pane 3*d.* in casu et carn. 3*d.*

Colloq. tent. in aula Hen. Bretenham, Die Dominic. prox. post fest. Sce. Cather. A°. Hen. VII. 3°.

Colloq. Gen. on the feast of St. *Fabian* and St. *Sebastian*, *A°.* 3 of *Hen.* VII. *John Nichol* chose alderman, &c. when it was ordered that there shall be kept 2 morspech in the yere, besides the general, and that the skevins shall have of every brother and sister of the general day, as many as dine and sup, 2*d.* and the morspech-pence.

Colloq. Gen. in St. *George's Hall*, on *Sunday* next after the feast of St. *Fabian* and St. *Sebastian*, *Hen.* VII. 4°.

Robert Johnson, chose alderman; ordered that there be but one morspech in the year, besides the general day, this morspech to be kept the *Sunday* before St. *Margaret's* day.——Ordered that the brethren and sisters dyne and sup together, and pay every brother and sister that dine and sup 1*d.* and the morspech 1*d.* when it appeared that they had goods and chattels belonging to them.—Ordered that the clerk's wages shall be 12*d.* and the dean's 10*d. per ann.* and we will that *John Sturmyn* shall bere the perk money, for to find the perk lights.

Dna. Alice Belle, a recluse, entered and paid 1*s.*—1492, *Adam*

[a] The electioners, this year, who chose the alderman and scabins were 8 persons deputed.

Mylke, then alderman—*Henry Bretenham*, chose alderman, 1492, after *Mylke*, when I find children entered brothers and sisters, under age.

Dompn. Geor. - - - - -, prior of *Lyn*, entered brother 1495.

Mem. that the alderman gave a drinking the first *Sunday* in *May*, and 3*s.* 4*d.* was gathered and delivered to the alderman, to be delivered the next general day to the brethren again, with his good devotion to God and to the good Holy Seynt, and in encressin of the gyld.

At a drinking on *Sunday* next before *All-hallows* mass, at *John Bevies Smith*, gathered 2*s.* 4*d.* for the perk money.

Dnus. Nicholas Berdeney, intrat. *A°.* 4 *Hen.* VII.

The morspech held on *Relick Sunday*, 1490, *Robert Johnson*, alderman.

In the 7th of *Henry* VII. *Ad. Mylke*, chose alderman;—ordered that every brother, on the next morrow after the general, shall wait on the alderman for the time being, at our Lady of the mount,[a] at 9 of the clock, and there every brother to offer then, and what brother come not, without a lawful excuse, shall pay at the next morspech following after the general, half a pound of wax, without any grace, and he that come not, to send his offering, and every brother having a wife, or sister, they to offer betwixt them, a half-penny.—This general held *Sunday* 22d of *January*.

In 1492, *Adam Mylke*, occurs alderman, chose on *Sunday* after St. *Fab.* and the feast in St. *George's Hall*.

Adam Mylke, alderman, 1493.

In 1493, there seems to be 38 of this gild, the morspech pence being 3*s.* 2*d.*

In 1493 the second paid at their dinner and supper, by every brother 1*d.* to the gild and 1*d.* to the scevyns, a brother and his wife 3*d.* —1*d.* to the gyld, and 2*d.* to the schevens.

In the 10th of *Henry* VI. *Henry Bretenham* chose alderman, on *Sunday* next after St. *Fabian* and *Sebastian*, and occurs 1495. Ordered that the skyvens on the day of St. *Fabian* and St. *Sebastian*, or one of them, come to the church, and do ring none, and see that the candles about and afore the awter be light, at evening and at service, on the day, on pain of dim. lib. of wax, each of them to the lightward; and I find 4 minstrells belong to them and brethren.

In the 13 of *Henry* VII. *Bretenham* occurs alderman.——The altar light, perk, &c. kept by the guild, and that of the bason, and the dead.

In 1500, *H. Bretenham*, mayor, and 1501, *H. Bretenham*, alderman, and 1502, and 1503.

In the 2d of *Henry* VIII. *Thomas Trunch*, late alderman, died.

In the 4th of *Henry* VIII. *Robert Baker*, chose alderman.

Concerning the Antiquity of St. Nicholas's Chapel.

Whether the dedication of this chapel was intended to the memory of that St. *Nicholas* mentioned Acts 6 and 5, a proselyte of *Antioch*, and one of the 7 deacons there, chosen and appointed by the holy Apostles, to distribute the alms and oblations of the new coverts to Christianity, amongst the poor widows of the *Greeks* and *Hebrews*,

[a] There to play an anteme of our Lady.

who had then likewise embraced the Christian religion, or else to one of the same name, who was also canonized a saint, and some time Bishop of *Myra*, a great city in *Lycia*, (which is a province in the Lesser *Asia*) who lived about the beginning of the fourth century, as both the *Greek* and *Roman* legendaries do inform us, and whom we find registered in our church calendar on the 6th of *December*, I will not presume here to determine, as not so material to our purpose, though I rather incline to the former.

We can neither speak positively as to the founder of this chapel, nor the precise time of its foundation and building, as is much to be wished, but thus far we may reasonably conclude, that without all doubt, it must be above 400 years standing and upwards, if the following evidences may be allowed of.

First, it is very remarkable that upon the front, or top of the porch, which is the only one, but that very neat, adjoining to this sacred structure, are placed the figures of a lion and an eagle, cut in stone, and fixed on pedestals, the two supporters of the arms of King *Edward* III. which, if I may be permitted to conjecture, gives some reason to believe, that this chapel was first founded before, or at least-wise finished in some part of that King's reign, which began in 1326, and continued above 50 years.

Secondly, again we find here the sepulture and interment of one *William de Bittering*, (who was divers times mayor of this corporation, in that King's reign,) together with his wife *Julian*, to be both in this chapel, in the south isle towards the east, under a very large fair stone, 10 feet long, and 6 broad, all covered over with brass, having their effigies cut in the middle upon the same, neatly engraven, and embellished with fine decorations round the verge, which is still to be seen almost entire, and whose mark or symbol (which we find in divers places on the plate of his tombstone) is also still remaining, fairly depicted or stained, in a south window near his grave.

Thirdly, Moreover it is recorded (as I before intimated) that in the year 1379, Pope *Urban* VI. sent his bull hither (which was received with great veneration) to authorise and allow the baptising of infants, and other adult persons in this chapel, which doubtless before were always initiated in the parish church of St. *Margaret:* that part of the old font, called the bason, then made use of in this holy place, (before the erecting that now standing, granted and consecrated by *S. Harsnell*, D.D. and Bishop of *Norwich*, in the year 1627, and which resembles that at St. *Margaret's*) I am prone to believe is the same which I observed to lie upon the ground (with the pedestal at some distance from it) among the rubbish and lumber, in a certain place on the north side of the quire, perhaps formerly some oratory, chapel, or chantry.

It is of free-stone, 164 inches in diameter, upon the superficies within the verge, and 9 inches deep perpendicular from the bottom, carved on the outside.

Lastly, the fourth and last evidence which offers itself to our observation, concerning the antiquity of this elegant chapel, though of much later date, is that sometime since, in a window next to the north door, I found there the year of our Lord, fairly depicted or stained in the glass, in very beautiful and yellow characters, but it is now demolished and gone, notwithstanding having taken care to pre-

serve a transcript of it, we have endeavoured to imitate it, as near as we could, and given you as follows,

Anno Dom. m. ccc. xx.

ST. JAMES'S CHAPEL.

In the certificate and presentment of *William Butts, Christopher Walpole*, Gent. &c. taken 29 *September*, in the 3d year of Queen *Elizabeth*, before Sir *Nicholas Le Strange*, Knt, *Thomas Guybon, Henry Mynn*, and *Henry Spilman*, Esq. commissioners to the Queen, the jurors find that there was a chapel dedicated to St *James*, then defaced by the mayor and his brethren, saving one cross isle, which was then re-edifying and repairing by the mayor of the said town, which chapel contained in length five score feet, and in breadth 24 feet; the cemetery or churchyard of the said chapel containeth 3 acres, and is used to bury the dead: it was a chapel of ease, and the founder thereof was Bishop of *Norwich*, whose name we know not; there did belong to it 4 bells, taken down by the mayor of the town since the death of Henry VIII. but in what year we know not, which were worth by estimation, with the bell of the charnel-house, cc*l*.

Item, we say that there did belong to the said chapel and charnel-house, stone, iron and glass, to the value of 100 marks. *Item*, timber and lead to the value of 300*l*. *Item*, plate jewels and stock, to the value of 200*l*. but where they are bestowed we know not. *Item*, there do belong to this chapel certain lands and tenements in King's *Lynn*, to the yearly value of 5*l*. in whose tenure we know not, nor to what use. *Item*, we say that the evidences concerning the lands and tenements belonging to this chapel, which were in the custody of one *John Parkynne*, and *John Hall*, were taken away from them by the mayor; and as to the writings of all other lands, &c. who hath the custody, we know not.

Item, there were other chapels, as St. *John's*, our Lady on the Bridge, which are defaced; St. *Catherine*, our Lady on the Mount, St. *Laurence*, but who were the founders we know not. *Item*, a house called *Trinity* college, *Thomas Thoresby*, late of the said town, merchant, founder, to what use we know not, which college was sold by the mayor of the said town, to one ——— *Houghton*, now owner, before that a brew-house. *Item*, a charnel-house in St. *Margaret's* churchyard, now used for a shool-house, the founders of it *Thomas Thoresby, Walter Coneye*, and ——— *Lock*, merchant, to what use founded we know not.

There was a chapel called *Trinity* chapel, in the chapel of St. *James's* at *Lynn*, in 1555.——*Regr. Godsalve, fol.* 82.

It was ordered on *Friday* before the feast of St. *Tiburtius* and *Valerian*, in the 35th of *Edward* III. by the commonalty assembled in the guild-hall, that the clerks of St. *James's* in *Lynn*, for the future, shall carry the holy water from the east gate of *Lynn*, through all the south part of *Damgate*, and through the whole street called *Webster Row*, and that the clergy or clerks of St. *Nicholas* shall likewise carry from the aforesaid gate, through all the north part of the aforesaid street of *Damgate*.

That this was a chapel in the beginning of *Henry* the Second's time, appears from the charter of Bishop *Turb*, Bishop of *Norwich*, of this chapel, that of St. *Nicholas*, and that of *Myntling*. Witnesses, *William* and *Roger*, archdeacons of *Norwich*, Master *Itanu*. Mr. *Nicholas Magis*, *Godewyn*, *Ernold Lupell*, Mr. *Walter de Colne*, Mr. *Alan*, capellan; *Ralph* capellan; *Roger*, clerk; *Lambert*, clerk; *Joel*, dean; and *Stanèr*, pecert of *Lenn*; *Robert Pincerna*, *Roger de Scoles*, *William de Jernemuta*, *Ralph Coche*, *Turgetell* and *Syric*, *David de Bylney*, &c.——*Regist.* 1 *p. Ecc. Cath. Norw. fol.* 27.

This chapel was converted to a town-house for the manufacturing of stuffs and lace, but without success, as *Spilman* mentions in his History of Sacrilege, page 249.

In St. *James's* chapel was our Saviour's image, in the east end.

Saint *James's* chapel was founded by Bishop *William Turbe*, at the same time with the chapel of St. *Nicholas*, and on the same terms and conditions, and appropriated to St. *Margaret's*. *Reg. Nor. Prior.* 4, *fol.* 21.

OUR LADY'S CHAPEL ON THE BRIDGE.

This chapel was defaced before Queen *Elizabeth's* reign, as appears by an inquisition taken in the 3d of *Elizabeth*.

Isti sunt fratres et sorores gild. tigulat. fundat. honor. Pur. Be. Mariæ ao. r. Rs. Edw. III. post conquest. 3.——*Tho. de Langham et Christiana uxor ejus.*——*Carolus de Secheford et Alicia uxor ejus*, *Robt. de Derby & Margar. uxor ejus*, *Wills. filius ejusd. Robti*, &c. admitted, as I take it, this year.

ST. CATHARINE'S CHAPEL.

Where it stood is not certain. It was defaced before the 3d of *Elizabeth*, as appears by an inquisition then taken.

In the 5th of *Richard* II. *Henry le Despencer* Bishop of *Norwich* wrote a letter to *Roger Paxman*, mayor, and to the burgesses of *Lynn*, wherein he disires that they would, for the love they bear to the Bishop, grant their part of the house of St. *Catharine* to one *John Consolif*, late servant to the Lord *le Despenser*, brother to the Bishop, there to live a solitary life, upon the alms of the good people; the other part of the house belonging to the archdeacon of *Norwich*, being before granted to the said *John Consolif*, archdeacon of *Lynn*.

This chapel of St. *Catherine* is mentioned 1497, and the charity gyld of the town of *Lenn*; quere, if not the houses of *Leperi* at *Gaywood*, *Mawdelyn*, and *Setchyth*. *Regist. Seyve.*

OUR LADY ON THE MOUNT OR WALL, AND GILD.

This chapel was defaced before the 3d of *Elizabeth*, as appears from an inquisition then taken.

In Doctor *Edward Brown's* Travels, *fol. edition*, *p.* 43, is a cut of

a *Greek* monastery, very much of the same form with this chapel, of 4 stories in height, one less than the other, the three lowest square, the uppermost story an octagon, like a steeple.

These are the brethren and sisters of the guild *Tigulat.* founded to the honour and purification of the Blessed Virgin *Mary, ao.* 3 *Edward* III.

Thomas de Langham and *Christian* his wife.

Charles de Secheford and *Alice* his wife.

Robert de Derby and *Margery* his wife, *William,* son of the said *Robert,* &c.

Robert seems to be alderman of the guild.

These are the four *morwespeches* of the said guild: the first *morwespeche* is on the *Sunday (le Dymeynge Prochein)* after the purification of the Blessed Virgin, the second on the day of the annunciation of our Lady, the third on the day of the assumption of our, Lady, the fourth on the day of the conception of our Lady.

It is ordained that if any of the brethren be summoned on any of the four *morwespeches,* and are in the said town, and make default, they shall pay 1*d.* to the honour of our Lady.

Here is a chimney, now standing in it, erected during the plague, when it was made a pest-house.

In 1509, it was in use, when in the *compotus* of the prior of St. *Margaret,* we find,

De pixidib; omnium sanctor. in eccles. St. Margaret. et capellis St. Nicholai et St. Jacobi una cum capella beate Marie ad pontem——6*s.* 4*d.*—*De capella beate Marie de Monte* 16*s.* 10*d.* which shews how great the *Madona* here was held.

ST. ANN'S FORT.

Quere if there was not anciently a chapel near this fort, called St. *Ann's,* by St. *Nicholas's* chapel, there being a gild called St. *Ann's* gild, as appears by the inquisition taken in the 3d of *Elizabeth.*

HERMITAGE, or LYNN CROUC.

The mayor and commonalty petition *William (Bateman)* Bishop of *Norwich,* begging his favour towards *John Puttock,* to admit him as a hermit, who had in the Bishop's marsh by *Lenne,* on the sea shore, in a certain place called *Lenne Crouch,* made a cave there till he could build himself a proper mansion, purposing, as he declares, to spend all his time, by your permission and license, in the service of God there; and the said *John Puttock* has there erected a certain remarkable cross, of great service for all shipping coming that way, of the height of 110 feet, at his own great cost and charge. *Dat.* 8 *Cal. Dec.* 1349.

TRINITY GUILD.

John de Grey Bishop of *Norwich*, persuaded King *John* to found the guild of the *Holy Trinity*, at *Lynn*, the brethren of which were bound, under the penalty of a gallon of wine, to have mass celebrated every *Trinity Sunday*, in St. *Margaret's* church, for the souls of the said King and Bishop.

It was called the *Great guild* of the *Holy Trinity* it *Lenn*, in respect to other less guilds in the said town. The head or chief person of this guild was styled the alderman or custos, and was chose by the commonalty of the said town, and continued so on that choice for life, unless upon account of some very great infirmity or inability, or some other reasonable cause, he was set aside and removed.

This guild is said to have its rise and beginning before the reign of King *John*, as appears from the answer or certificate of *Thomas Botseham*, alderman of it, (*temp. Richard* II.[3]) and his brethren, to a writ of enquiry of that King, relating to its foundation, authority, &c. that its original was not known; that King *John*, considering the great concourse of merchants to this town, granted the alderman that then was, and the commonalty and their successours, by letters patents, bearing date in his sixth year, that they might have a guild of merchants in the said town; and *Henry* III. son of the said King *John*, by his letters patents, granted one of their own body and community to be mayor of the said town, which said mayor and alderman, for the time being, should always have the rule and government of it, and which said alderman in the vacancy of a mayor, or in the absence of the mayor from the said town, should have the rule and government of the said community, as the alderman, and his predecessors, the aldermen of the said town, had and enjoyed.

As to their possessions, &c. they are thus returned to the aforesaid enquiry.

That they had a place, called the *Common-Stath*, with its appertenances, valued at 42*l.* 6*s.* 8*d. per ann.* clear, besides all reprises.

That the goods and chattels of the aforesaid gild amount in the whole to 260*l.* 13*s. viz.* in ready money 60*l.* 13*s.* in divers merchandise 200*l.* and that in many books, vestments, chalices, and other ornaments for the chaplains of the said guild performing divine service as well in the parish church, as in the chapels annexed to the said church; and that in wax for lights in the said church and chapels, to the honour and laud of the *Holy Trinity* yearly found, and for torches at the funerals of poor brethren, &c. of the said guild, and that out of the profits of the *Common Stathe*, and out of the goods and chattels aforesaid, together with divers goods and chattels bequeathed and left to the said guild; the alderman, &c. sustain and find thirteen chaplains dayly and yearly, to pray as well for the King, his ancestors, and for the peace and welfare of his kingdom, as for the souls of all the

[3] In King Richard's time a statute was made by the King, on the statute de Religiosis, (7 Ed. 1.) for certificates to be made, and returned up to London of the lands, &c. of religious places, guilds and fraternities.—An. 15 Richard II. Ch. 5.

aldermen, brethren and benefactors of the said gild, also for the souls of all the faithful deceased, six of which officiated in the church of St. *Margaret* aforesaid, four in the chapel of St. *Nicholas*, and three in the chapel of St. *James* in *Lenne*, who all day, as they are stated and appointed in the church and chapels aforesaid, celebrate high mass by note, and on *Sundays* and other festival days, celebrate mass at *Mattins*, and at *Vespers* by note. And if any of the aforesaid chaplains neglects his duty and office, or is not of an honest life and conversation, when he has been admonished by the alderman, and does not amend, he is removed from the service, and the said alderman appoints another able and honest one in his place. And further, that out of the profits of the said *Common-Stath*, goods and chattels aforesaid, many alms, deeds, and works of charity, were yearly given, which one year with another are computed at 30*l. viz.* towards the support of the poor brethren of the said guild, to the blind, lame, and other distressed persons, to poor clerks keeping school, and to poor religious houses, as well of men as women, to the lepers near and about *Lenne*, and in the repairs, &c. of the parish church and chapels aforesaid, and in the ornaments of the same, together with the alms given to the four orders of friars in *Lenne*, and to the maintaining of several aqueducts for the use of the said town; all the goods and chattels aforesaid are in the hands of the said alderman and of four men of the said gild, called *Skyveyns*,[4] who yearly distribute the said goods as aforesaid, and further, that the brethren of the said gild never had, or used any one suit of livery either in their vestments, or hoods.

These[5] *are the* ORDINANCES[6] *of the* MERCHANTS GILD *at* LENNE.

1. If any stranger is willing to enter into the fraternity, he ought to pledge into the hands of the alderman, 100*s. et jus p'dict. domus; scil.* to the alderman 4*d.* to the clerk 2*d.* to the dean 2*d.* and afterwards out of the 100*s.* pledged with the alderman and his brethren, *ad melius* - - - - - - - - *poterit*, and shall immediately give one sextary[7] of wine, *viz.* 10*d.*

2. If any brother has a son, or sons legitimate, who are willing to enter into the said fraternity, each one ought to pay for his entrance 4*s.* the aforesaid right being excepted.

3. Whoever will enter into the said fraternity, ought on the first day of his admission to wait and serve before the alderman and the brethren honourably, in neat cloaths, and - - - - -[8] of gold, or silver.

4. The alderman is to have on the day of Pentecost, one sextary of wine, and the dean half a sextary, the clerk half, and each of the skivins[9] the same day half a sextary, and every day after as long as

[4] Skyvini, or Scabini, were the custodes, guardians, governors, of stewards.

[5] In Edward the First's reign.

[6] Assise.

[7] Sextary, was an ancient measure, said to be a pint and an half, but it appears here from the price, &c. to be much more, and was four gallons.

[8] Cum pulchris pannis et Co aureo vel argenteo; the word obliterated, probably, Serto, a coronet.

[9] The Skivines were in number 4, as appears from a deed of Thomas, Bishop of Ely, in the 25th of Henry VI. Simon

the drinking shall continue,[1] the alderman shall have half a sextary, the dean, clerk, and each of the skivins, one gallon, and each of the attendants half a gallon, at evening.

5. If any of the brethren shall disclose to any stranger, the counsels of the said guild, to their detriment, without the assent of the alderman, and his brethren, he shall forfeit the sum of 32 pence.

6. If any of the brethren shall fall into poverty, or misery, all the brethren are to assist him by common consent out of the chattels of the house fraternity, or of their proper own.

7. If any brother should be impleaded, either within *Lenne*, or without, the brethren there present ought to assist him in their counsel, if they are called, to stand with, and counsel him without any costs, and if they do not, they are to forfeit 32*d*.

8. None of the brethren is to come into the guild before the alderman, and his brethren, with his cap, or hood on, or barefoot,[2] or in any rustick manner, if he does he is to be amerced, 4*d*.

9. If any one should sleep at the guild, either at the general meeting, or their feasts and drinking,[3] he is to forfeit 4*d*.

10. If any one turns him rudely to his brother, or calls him by any rude name, to be amerced 4*d*.

11. If any one is called and cited at a prime, (or general meeting,) and does not come before the issue of the first consult, he is to pay 1*d*. by order of the dean, and if he refuses, and sits down, he is to be amerced 4*s*.

12. If any one shall be cited to the prime, and shall be found in the town, or shall come late to the drinking, and the dean shall say to him to be there at the next prime, and he does not come, before they begin to take judgement of defaults, he shall either make some reasonable excuse, or pay 12*d*. and if he comes before the defaults are adjudged, and shall depart without leave, shall pay 12*d*.

13. If any one of this house shall buy any thing, and a brother shall come in unexpectedly, before the agreement,[4] or at it, he ought to be a partner with him that buys, and if the buyer refuses it, he is to be amerced half a mark.

14. If any servant of the brethren comes at the drinking, or the prime, he his to lay down the cap and cloak, and give it to the janitor to keep whilst he enters, and speaks to his master, and then he is to depart forthwith; if it is at the drinking, let him drink once or twice, provided he does not sit, and then he is to depart, and if he does not, his master is to be amerced.

15. If any one refuse to obey the precept of the alderman, or dean, for the honour and profit of the house, he is to be amerced 12*s*.

15. If any poor brother shall die, the alderman and brethren shall see that his body be honourably buried, of the goods, or chattels of the house, or out of alms, if he has not wherewith to bury himself.

17. If the alderman shall die, none belonging to him, neither son,

Pigot, Richard Cosyn, Thomas Benet, and William Pilton, then called therein, custodes sive Scabini, &c. they served as I take it, in all two years, the seniors going off yearly, when two others were chose, &c. they had the charge (as appears) of the goods and effects, &c. of the guild.

[1] Potus duraverit.

[2] Capitiatus nec nudipes.

[3] Ad primam sive ad potum.

[4] Ante Palmata; from hence we may perceive the old custom of shaking hands at an agreement, or bargain.

or other, can act in any thing as alderman, but the brethren may choose a new alderman whom they please.

18. If any brother shall die, the dean is to summons all the brethren to make their offerings for the soul of the deceased, and if any one is absent, he is to give one half-penny at the next prime following, for the soul of the defunct, and the dean is to have 4*d.* of the alms collected for citing the brethren.

19. If any brother, or alderman, shall act contrary to the ordinances of the house, he is either to forfeit his brotherhood, or to pay half a mark, for the good of the house.

20. No one shall intrude himself whilst the drinking continues.

21. If any brother shall offend another brother, in word, or deed, he shall make no complaint, but to the alderman first, and the mayor, if he does not, he is to be amerced half a mark.

22. If the skyvens shall merchandise with the chattels of the house, no brother shall have any part therein, but the whole profit to go to the use of the gild.

23. The skyvens are to swear, when they receive the chattels of the house, that they will employ the same faithfully, to the good of the guild, and will fully account and answer for the profit.

CORPUS CHRISTI GUILD.

License was granted that *John de Brumham,* and *John Waryn* of *Lenn,* might give one messuage, 75*s.* 7*d. ob.* rent, with the appertenances in *Lenn,* and that *Richard Dun* might give the rent of 19*d.* and the profit of one passage boat beyond the port of the village of *Lenne,* with the appertenances, to *Thomas de Couteshale,* master of the said guild, (as I take it,) and the aforesaid *John* and *Richard* might give to *Thomas de Couteshale,* one shop and one solar. with the appertenance in the said village, which *Thomas de Couteshale* holds.

John de Brunham, John de Penteneye, and *Adam Skert,* burgesses of *Lyn,* grant, &c. to *Jeffrey Talboth, Thomas Botekysham, John de Dockyng,* &c. 2*s.* which they used to receive of the heirs of *John de Syssewell* of *West Lenne,* for the liberty of a ferry, a passage boat over the water.—Dated at *Lenn Bishop* on *Sunday* after the feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin in the 3d of *Richard* II.—*Jeff. Talboth* then mayor:—witnesses, *John de Tyteleshale, Roger Paxam,* &c.

ST. JOHN'S CHAPEL.

The chapel on the south side of the chancel of St. *Margaret's* church is called St. *John's* chapel.

ST. MARY MAGDALEN'S HOSPITAL,

ON THE CAUSEWAY, BETWEEN GAYWOOD AND LYNN.

The history of St. *Mary Magdalen* is recorded in the Holy Evangelists, and her anniversary observed on the 21st of *July*, and it is much to be wondered at that none of our *English* historians (that I can meet with) have taken notice of this so noble and ancient a foundation.

In a fair manuscript vellum book, among the archives of the town's repository, there is a full account of its ancient and present situation, which begins thus:

In die Decollationis St. JOHANNIS BAPTISTÆ, Aº. Rni. Regis JACOBI ANGLIÆ, &c. Annoq; Dni. 1617.

COMPOSITUS *est iste liber mandatum Joh'is Wallis, majoris, majoratus sui tempore secundo, Thoma Oxburgh, Armig; recordature consulente, Rico Stonham in proximi anni majorem electo; Thoma Baker, Thoma Gibson, Johanne Spence, Matheo Clerk, Joh. Atkyn, Thoma Soame, Joh. Wormell, Thoma Leighton, Will'mo Doughty, Will'mo Atkyn, et Thoma Gurlyn, aldermannis modernis annuentibus et approbantibus.*

Magdelena tuis tandem renovata resurgunt,
Pauperibus domus ac prædia rapta diu.
Hoc opus effecit celebris tibj proxima Lennu.
Protegat omnipotens, Hanc, inopesq; tuos.
Fra. Parlett:

This book briefly expresses the original foundation of the ancient hospital of St. *Mary* Magdalen, upon the causeway between *Lenn* and *Gaywood*, long since dissolved, the lands and possessions whereof have been long concealed from the Crown, and turned to the gain of private men, and how the mayor and burgesses of *King's Lynn*, at their great charge and expenses, have lately purchased the King's letters patents, of grant of the site of the said hospital, and the lands and tenements thereunto belonging, for relief and maintenance of poor people, unto the mayor and aldermen of the same town, who by the same letters patents, are incorporated by the name of the mayor and aldermen of the burgh of *Lenn Regis*, in the county of *Norfolk*, governors, &c. of the hospital of St. *Mary* Magdalen, &c.—of the foundation of *James* King of *England*, &c. together with a true relation of the proceeding of the said mayor and aldermen, (since the said letters patent to them granted) for the establishing of the possession of the said lands and tenements in them, the said governour and their successours, for ever; and in what state the possession and revenues of the said new founded hospital now stands.

This ancient hospital was founded by one *Petrus Capellanus* in the reign of King *Stephen*, in honour of St. *Mary* Magdalen, and consisted of a prior, 12 brethren and sisters, in all 13; of whom 10 (the

prior being one) were sound, and 3 unsound, or leprous, some ecclesiastical and some secular, bound to perform superstitious rites, and prayers for the souls of men departed this life. *viz.* for the soul of *Petrus Capellanus*, their founder, the souls of popes, bishops, abbots, priors, kings, queens, and others, their benefactors, as appears by their ancient book of *Obits* and *Orisons*, and by the ancient instrument of articles which the brethren and sisters were bound to observe. And all, or most of the lands given to the said hospital, were for the maintaining of prayers for the dead, as appears by divers deeds and charters without date, of the first donations of the said lands.

Petrus Capellanus, their founder, died upon St. *Paul's* day, being the 25th of *January*, A.D. 1174, in the 20th of *Henry* II. as appears from the said *Obit* book.

PRIORS.

By an indenture made the 8th of *March*, *Ao.* 12 of *Elizabeth*, between *Thomas Hasket*, prior of this hospital, and the brethren and sisters of the said hospital, as well whole as sick, on the one part, and *John Pell* of *King's Lynn*, on the other, let to *John Pell*, 4 acres of pasture, belonging to the said hospital at *Geywode*.

Hasket was buried the 16th of *January*, in the church of *Geywode*, *A°.* 1585.

Robert Hullier, of *King's Lynn*, *Norfolk*, merchant, grants to *Peter Cartwright*, mayor of *Lynn*, &c. all that fraternity, or hospital of St. *Mary Magdalen*; all lands, tenements, &c. whatsoever, which he the said *Robert* and *Thomas Grave*, Gent. lately deceased, had to them and their heirs of the gift of *Theoph. Adams* of *London*, Gent. (in the 24th of *Eliz.*) dated in the 36th of *Elizabeth*. An enfeoffent to the mayor and corporation.

John Dixon, governour and keeper of this hospital, *A°.* 6 *Edw.* VI. and *Ao.* 9.

King *James*, in regard of the service done heretofore in the wars, by *Thomas Battie*, and of his maymes susteyned therein, gives and grants to him, the room and place of governour or guyder of this hospital for life, *June* 4, *Ao.* 5.

Richard Leke, occurs prior of the hospital of *Lazars* *Ao.* 15 *Henry* V.

Robert Wilson, master then.

Wilson married *Isabell*, widow of *Thomas Hasket*.

Richard Leke prior: the brethren and sisters, as well the *seke*, as the *hole*, by consent, took into their fraternity *Catharine Jurdan*, the wife of *Humphrey Jurdan*, and grant to her a chamber, with a garden, late in the tenure of Frere *John Goldesburgh*, doctor, for the time of her life; the said *Catharine* to repair, susteyn, and uphold the same, at her own costs and expences; and the said *Catharine* to have her part and portion of all rents, ferms, almesses, legacies, gifts, offerings, &c. as any brother or sister shall receive;—Dated *July* 22, 12th of *Henry* VIII.

Several other like admissions of men and women, priests and laymen, I have seen.

Sir *James Bastard*, parson of *Massingham Parva*, admitted 14th

Henry VIII.—at his admission, covenanted that he should be present among the said brethren and sisters, in the said hospital, 4 times in the year, and at any other time of *nede*, when he shall be desired by the prior, brethren, &c. and he was to have a standing for his horse, as often as he come, and for them that come with him.

Thomas Hasket, prior, in the 12th of *Elizabeth*.

Nicholas Bryggs, prior, *ao.* 18 *Henry* VIII. and occurs 21.

Roger Adams, prior, *ao.* 26 *Henry* VIII.

John Dalman, prior, *ao.* 8 *Edward* IV.

Richard Bull, prior *ao.* 3 *Henry* VII.

Nicholas Portland, prior, *ao.* 22 *Edward* IV.

22d *Edward* IV. *Henry Burgh*, prior.

William, son of *William de Congham*, grants to God and St. *Mary Magdalen*, and the brethren there serving God, 5 acres of land in the fields of *Gongham*;—witnesses, Sir *William Rusteing*, &c. *sans* date.

Roger, son of *Alexander Arsick*, of *Dunham Magna*, grants and confirms all the lands which his father gave, with liberty of a fold; and *Margery Arsick* and her heirs, confirm and warrant the same; *sans* date.

Thomas, son of *Ammaricius de Babingle*, gives to this house, lands at *Geywode*, belonging to the of Bishop *Norwich's* fee, *sans* date; *Robert*, the mayor, *Michael de Belvaco*, &c. witnesses.

Nicholas Portland who occurs prior on *Saturday* before the feast of St. *Simon* and *Jude*, in the 22d year of *Edward* IV. and *William Basset, capellane*, surrendered them at a court, with the lete, held at *Geywode*, a messuage and half an acre of land, to the use of *John Herison*, and *Alice* his wife, for their lives, then to remain to the said prior and his successours.

Mr. *Cheyney* prior.

Humphrey Jordan succeeded prior, who married *Cheyney's* widow.

Robert Wylson prior.

John Dyxon his son, succeeded prior.

Mr. *Knoles* prior.

Jeffrey, prior.

Humphrey Dene, prior.

William Collyson, prior.

Robert Dyxon, made master or prior in right of *Isabel* his wife, who suffered all the decay and injury of this hospital lately.

Robert Wylson, master of this house, married *Isabel*, late wife of *Thomas Hesket*, late master, and after *Collyson's* own house, there lately built, now fallen into great decay; hath 6 acres joining to the said house, now in their own hands, which is all that they have in occupation in their own hands. Also Mr. *Thursbye* occupies one marsh, lying in *Geywode* and *Myntlyn*, the old rent thereof was 20*s.* *per ann.* which is well worth 4*l.* *per ann.* at the least, and he is to have of the house for rents belonging to the manor of *Geywode*, 42*s.* 8*d.* *per ann.* Mr. *Spence* occupies one close, lying in *Gaunock*, which is called 10 acres, but in truth is 14 acres at the least, and he pays but 33*s.* and 4*d.* *per ann.* *Park* of *Holm*, holdeth 11 acres at *Sechyth*, and pays but 33*s.* and 4*d.* *per ann.* well worth 4*l.* 13*s.* and 4*d.* *per ann.* Also Mr. *Straunge* hath a foldcourse and lands in *Lexham*, which wont to pay to the said house, 23*s.* *per ann.* and by the space of 30 years hath unpaid, and by the report of them that know it, it is well

worth 4*l. per ann.* Other lands in *Congham* and *Creak* abbey, the value whereof is not yet made. Also *Wrothes* of *Geywode* holdeth one pightle, worth 6*s. per ann.* and pays nothing. *Item,* one close or pightle lying in *Geywoode* by *South Wotton,* has been let for 8*s. per ann.* but now none will give above 3*s.* or 2*s.* 8*d. per ann. Item,* one rede dole in *Geywode,* containing 8 acres, the old rent is 8*s. Item,* Mr. *Pell* occupieth 3 acres by the house; the old rent was 10*s.* and now 20*s. Item, Thomas Gybson* of *Lynne* occupies one close of 3 acres, by the house; the old rent was 20*s.* and now 40*s. Item,* he occupies —— acres lying by *Maudelyn bank,* and pays 24*s. per ann.* and it is worth 50*s. Item,* 2 acres by *Dersingham-lane,* worth 20*s. per ann.* the old rent 10*s. Item,* in *Geywode* fen, 3 acres; the old rent 6*s.* now 15*s. per ann. Roger Lauson* has an acre and an half; old rent 10*s.* now 26*s.* and 8*d. per ann.* Six acres lying by *Salter's lqad;* the old rent 10*s.* now 20*s. per ann. Item,* a whole piece there, and pays 4*s.* 6*d. per ann. Item,* 5 acres in *Narford,* rent 9*d.* now 3*s. Item,* 5 acres in *Hockold,* let for 2*s.* 6*d. per ann.* worth 5*s.*

This I have taken from a little piece of paper, wrote (as I take it) in Queen *Elizabeth's* reign.

The seal of this hospital was large and oblong, of red wax, and very curious; in the middle of it was the effigies of St. *Mary Magdalen,* in her right hand a box,[5] and in her left a palm branch, on the right side of this, a shield, with 2 keys in saltier; on the left, the triangular emblem of the *Trinity;* the legend, *Sigillum commune——Marie Magdalen.*

LYNN MONASTERIES.

1. Friars *Carmelites* or White-friars in *South Lynn.*
2. Friars *Minorites,* or Gray friars.
3. Friars-preachers, or Black-friars.
4. *Augustine* friars.
5. A cell or college of priests belonging to *Norwich.*

The four first were purchased of *Hen.* VIII. by *John Eyre,* Esq. one of the King's auditors or receivers, who in his lifetime conveyed the same to a priest, from whom the corporation of *Lynn* purchased the *Carmelites* and *Minorites,* (both which are now in their possession,) as also the impropriation of the church of St. *Margaret;* the other two, viz. Friars-preachers, and *Augustine*-friars, came to two private families in town, in whose hands they now remain, but never continued in any descent.

The cell of priests was near the guild-hall, and the prior's house, was somewhat remote from it, by St. *Margaret's* church; the site of the prior's house was lately consecrated and annexed to St. *Margaret's* churchyard, for a burial-place.—*Priory-lane* has its name from hence.

There remains now nothing to be seen of these friaries and religious houses, but ruins and rubbish, being long since utterly demolished; notwithstanding the places of their situation are still apparent in town, all of them being separately walled round, and commonly known at this day by their several denominations aforesaid.

[5] Alluding to the ointment brought to Jesus.

The former of these, the *Carmelites* steeple, having continued upwards of 360 years, being at length fallen to decay, and become very ruinous for want of timely reparation, fell down suddenly of itself, and which is the more remarkable, on a very still and calm day, the 9th of *April*, 1631, as it is mentioned on record, and asserted to me for truth, by several ancient inhabitants that knew it, and were then alive.

"The Gray-friars had undergone the same fate of desolation, had it not been mended and repaired 30th *Henry* VIII. (as the following inscription on the west side denotes; *John Perceval mayor*, 1631,) by the stones (as it is said, and not improbably) at the pulling down of some part of a ruined and disused chapel, of which as follows;

"This consecrated fabric was dedicated to the memory of St. *James* the Apostle, and stands very near the Gray-friars, in an inclosed ground or cemetery walled round, where many persons are still interred, and it is very remarkable, that no less than 220 were buried in this place in the year 1591, during the time of the great sickness, then in town; a great part of this chapel was pulled down, *an.* 1549, ten years after the general dissolution of abbies, &c. but upon what occasion I know not; and in 1587, the pinnacle of the same was likewise taken down, and the steeple builded flat."

"In 1581, it was at a great expense of the corporation prepared and made a place for the manufacturing of bays, &c. but soon came to nothing.—About an hundred years after, 1682, it was again at a great charge fitted up by the corporation, and other inhabitants, to be a receptacle for poor children, to learn to spin wool, where they are well provided for, and taught to read, &c."

"It bears this inscription, on a marble stone set over the door:"

"*E. Ruinis Capellæ St. Jacobi Orphanotrophium hoc erexit S. P. Q. L. An. Dni.* M. D. C. LXXXII. *Simone Taylor Prætore.*"

"The first collection among the inhabitants towards this charitable design, and preparing this ruinous chapel for an hospital, came to the sum of - - - - £. 406 1 6

The corporation likewise made an order among themselves, that every alderman new elected, should pay at his admittance, 10*l.* and every common councilman 20 nobles, which being ever since duly performed, has to this year, ending at Lady Day, 1727, amounted to the sum of - - - - - - 726 13 4

The legacies of persons deceased, (besides other benefactions) given to the same, - - - - - 90 0 0

£. 1222 14 10"

"They have also endowed it with 20*l. per ann.* and it is since, by act of parliament, *ao.* 1701, and 12 *William* III. for erecting hospitals and workhouses, in King's *Lynn*, &c. settled and vested in the guardians of the poor, as by the following clause, amongst others in the said act, more fully appears,——"The workhouse founded by the mayor and burgesses, called St. *James's* Workhouse, and all lands, tenements, rents, revenues, goods, and chattels belonging to the same, are (by this act) vested and settled in the guardians of the poor, and

their successours." There is also appropriated a farther addition to the revenue and maintenance of this house, 4*d.* per chaldron on all coals imported into this town, by strangers, which (*communibus annis*) amounts to 200*l. per ann.* and upwards."

But leaving this decayed fabrick, I shall only remark, that the arms of the famous Queen *Elizabeth*, finely cut in stone, quarterly, *France* and *England*, supported by a lion and dragon, was taken from this demolished chapel, and set over the guild-hall, where they now stand, as I was well informed by ancient inhabitants.

A little distant from the town, and near the walls thereof, stands another ruinous fabrick, called the *Lady's Mount* (alias the *Red Mount*) in which (no doubt) by some remains of architecture, it appears there has been a chapel dedicated (as the aforesaid title imports) to the Blessed Virgin; this religious place (say the ancient inhabitants) was a receptacle for the pilgrims, who took it in their way to say their orisons at, as they travelled along, towards that sometime famous and celebrated priory or convent of our Lady at *Walsingham*; a village so much renowned all over *England*, for pilgrimages to the Virgin *Mary*, that he who had not in that former age visited, and presented with offerings, was accounted irreligious.

The chapel there, says *Erasmus*, (who was an eye-witness of it, amongst other observations which he relates,) *Vide Weaver's Fun. Mon. p.* 860, had little or no light in it, but by the tapers and wax candles, which yielded a pleasant and odoriferous smell; nay, if you would look into it, you would say it were the habitation of some heavenly saints indeed, so bright shining it is all over, with precious stones, with gold and silver, &c. Thus far he.

It was suppress the first of *August*, 30th of *Henry* VIII. and valued after the rate of those times, at 446*l.* 14*s.* 4*d*¾. *per ann.*

To this Lady of *Walsingham* (to make but one remark more) the aforesaid Sir *Henry Spelman* tells us, when he was a child, there was a common story, that King *Henry* VIII. went barefoot from *Barsham*, a town lying about 2 miles south-west from *Walsingham*, and there offered a necklace (*monile*) of great value to the Virgin *Mary*, (*Icenia, p.* 149.)

But in the 30th year of the same King, *Cromwell* carried her image from hence to *Chelsea*, where he took care to have it burnt. *Hollinsh. p.* 971.

Mr. *Fox*, our famous *English* martyrologist, and historian, mentions another church here in *Lynn*, belonging to St. *John's* hospital; but no remains of either are now to be seen; the story is this:

Sir *William Chatris*, alias *Sautre*, (it being usual in former days to give the title of Sir to the clergy) parish priest of the church of St. *Margaret*, in the town of *Lynn*, being convened before *Henry Spencer* Bp. of *Norwich*, recanted and renounced divers conclusions, which he formerly held and published, and also promised he would renounce publickly as the said Bishop should appoint, the aforesaid conclusions to be erroneous, and heresies, in the parish church of *Lynn*, and *Tilney*, and in other places, as the Bishop should then direct and appoint.

Then, next after this, upon the 25th of *May*, in the year 1399, in the churchyard of the chapel, of St. *James*, within the town of *Lynn*, the

aforesaid *William*, in the presence of the aforesaid Bishop and clergy, and the people of the said town of *Lynn*, standing round about, publickly declared the aforesaid conclusions to be erroneous and heresies.

And after that, on the 26th of *May*, in the year aforesaid, in the church of the hospital of St. *John* of the said town, the said Sir *William*, before the said Bishop, sitting as judge, swore and took his oath upon the Holy Evangelists, that he would never after that time, preach openly or publickly, the aforesaid conclusions, &c. in the presence of Friar *John Smerman*, Master *John Rickynghale*, doctor of divinity, *William Carlton*, doctor of both laws, and *Thomas Bulton*, officer of the liberty of *Lynn* aforesaid, with divers others.

He was afterwards burnt, for holding again the same conclusions, which before he had renounced.

WHITE FRIARS, OR CARMES, *in the Lane called* SOUTH-LANE, *alias* WHITE-FRYERS, *dedicated to* ST. MARY.

This monastery stood near the south, a little south of *Allhallow's* church, close to the river *Lynn*; great part of the old brick wall, and a gate-house, are still standing, though in an old map this is falsely called the *Gray friars*. It was founded by the Lord *Bardolph*, about the year 1269; though others say it was founded by *Thomas de Feltsham*; the Lord *Bardolph*, the Lord *Scales*, and Sir *John Wigenhale*, were also considerable benefactors to it.

In the 45th of *Henry* III. *William le Breton* was a considerable benefactor to it, and gave them lands in *South Lynn*, and in *Burgh Green, Dillingham, Brinckley, Willingham*, and *Carlton* in *Cambridgeshire*. *Esch. 45 Hen. III. Nr.* 18.

In the 13th of *Edward* I. they had a patent *de Venella*.

In the 9th of *Richard* II. *William* Lord *Bardolph* died, and was buried amongst the *Carmes* here.

In the 12th of *Richard* II. they had a patent for the rent of 10 quarters of *frumenti*, and 10 quarters of barley, to receive them annually of the manor of *Stow Bardolph*, granted by *John* Lord *Bardolph*.

In 1379, *April* 13, Sir *Humon Felton* of *Litcham*, wills his body to be buried in the church of the *Carmes* at *Lenne*. His will dated at *Glosthorp*, proved the first of *August* following.—*Regr. Heydon*,

It seems by the deposition of Friar *Peter* of *Lyn*, sub-prior of the *Carmes*, that the family of *Hastings* were considerable benefactors to this house; for in the 9th of *Henry* IV. he swore (on a trial then commenced) that the arms of *Hastings*, were painted for 40 years past in their house, and they had a banner of the arms 38 before, to his knowledge, and Friar *Aleyn*, the *Gaywode* reader in divinity there, aged 59 years, deposed the same. MS. *Le Neve*.

An anchorage belonged to it, and was near it.

The site of this priory was purchased by *John Eyre*, Esq. *February* 20th, in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. who was one of that King's auditors, or receivers, and he conveyed it to a priest, from whom the corporation of *Lynn* purchased it, and is leased out by them at this time.

The steeple of the *Carmes* church is said to have fallen down for want of due repair, on *April* 9, 1631, having stood upwards of 360 years.

This house was surrendered by the prior and 10 brethren, the 30th of *September*, 1539, in the 30th of *Henry* VIII. *Willis* Hist. Abb. vol. ii.

Thomas de Lenna, prior of this house, S.T.D. occurs prior, the 20th of *July*, 1400. MS. *Le Neve*.

Alan de Lyn, a native of this town, D.D. and prior of this house, was a learned man, and turned the history of the Bible into allegories, and compiled indexes to above 50 authors and books which he wrote, (see *Bale*, p. 551, and 552) he flourished in 1420, bred at *Cambridge*, and buried here, 1421, and was the Friar *Aleyn* abovementioned, as I take it.

This house was valued at 1*l.* 15*s.* 8*d.* at the Dissolution at 35*s.* 10*d.*

GRAY FRIARS, ALIAS FRIARS-MINORS, FRANCISCANS.

IN *vino miss. fratribus Minorib; die Sti. Francisci*, VI. *lagen.* xviiid. *Rot. Joh. St. Omer*, 13 *Ed. I.*

This monastery stood in *Fuller's Row*, and was founded by *Thomas Feltham*, or *de Folsham*.

In the 7th of *Edward* II. they had a patent for bringing the water to this house, from a spring in *North Rungton*, called *Buken-Well*. Pat. 2 *Ed.* II. pt. 2.

In the 38th of *Edward* III. they had a patent for 2 messuages, to enlarge their manse. B. 38 *Ed.* III. pt. M. 8. and 16.

The house was surrendered by the warden and 9 brethren, *October* 1, 1539, in the 30th of *Henry* VIII. *Willis*, Hist. Abb. vol. ii.

The site of it was granted to *John Eyre*, Esq. the 20th of *February* in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. who sold it to a priest, who conveyed it to the corporation, who are the present owners of it. Pat. 26.

The tower of this monastery is still standing in *Fuller's Row*, though called falsely in an old map, the Monastery of the *Carmes*.

The Gray Friars settled here about the 52d of *Henry* III. and built this convent near *Synolf's fleet*, on which the mills, formerly called *Swagg's mill*, afterwards the *Common mill*, or town watermill, stands.

John Tynmouth, a Gray friar of *Lynn*. Ath. Ox. vol. i. p. 662.

Richard Peverel, of *Tylney*, Esq. by will dated *March* 15, 1423, bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of the *Friars Minors*, of *Lynn Bishop*, appoints Mr. *John Spencer*, vicar of *Tilney*, his executor proved *May* 15, 1424, *Reg. Hurning*. fol. 122. I take him to have been descended from *Rob. Peverell*, Esq. brother of *Walter de Langton* Bishop of *Litchfield* and *Coventry*, and to the Lord of *Coldham Hall* in the *Fens*, near *Wisbeach*.

This *Richard* left a horse of 10*l.* value to the Duke of *Exeter*, to be supervisor of his will, of whom he held lands.

In 1287, *Bernard le Estree* purchased of *William de Lindesey* in St. *James's street*, a certain area, and gave it to enlarge the *Friars Minors* area.

In 1287, on *Monday August* 7, in the court at *Lenn*, *Ad. de St. Omer* being then mayor, and *Richard de Walsingham*, steward, *Rich. Sefull* gave by deed 12*d.* rent *per ann.* which his ancestors used to

receive out of a certain area, by the churchyard of St. *James's* to the west, which the said *Adam de St. Omer* purchased of *Adam Silvester*, for the enlarging of the area, where the *Friars Minors* now inhabit.

BLACK FRIARS, OR FRIARS-PREACHERS, DOMINICANS.

This monastery stood in *Clow Lane*, in the eastern part of the town, and was founded by *Thomas Gedney*, valued at 18*l. per ann.*

In vino misso fratrib; p'dicatorib; die Beati Dominici confessoris 11*s. Rot. Joh. de St. Omer.*

Thomas Thorndon aliened to these friars-preachers a piece of land 18 feet long, and 21 broad, in *Lenn Episcopi* in the 3d of *Edward* III.

In the 3d of *Edward* III. the friars-preachers had a patent to enlarge their house here.

Simon Parche, alias Tyler of *Watlyngton, Norfolk*, wills in 1442, to be buried in the chancel of the Friars-preachers, or Black-friars of *Lyn*, and gives to the fabrick, *de la stalles*, in the said chancel, to be new made, 16*l.* Reg. Doke, *Norw.*

In 1488, *John Braynes* occurs prior.

The chapel of St. *Catherine*, in the church of the Friars-preachers, mentioned in 1497. Reg. Sayve *Norw.*

The image of our Lady in the body of the church.

The convent of Dominicans surrendered by the prior and 11 brethren, on the 30th of *September* 1539, in the 30th of *Henry* VIII.—*Willis* Hist. Mon. vol. ii. valued at 18*s.* 1*d. ob.*

The site of the Friars-preachers granted the 20th of *February*, in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. to *John Eyre*, Esq. with lands there in the tenure of *John Kemp. Pat.* 26.

This *John Eyre*, on the Dissolution, had 37 messuages, 9 gardens, in the tenure of divers persons, given by King *Henry* VIII. in his 36th year, and messuages and tenements called *Bishop's Stath*, and an house, called the *Steward's Hall*, with other messuages and lands here, belonging to the see of *Norwich. Pat.* 36 *Hen.* VIII. pt. 26, 20 *February.*

John Eyre, Esq. conveyed it to a priest, from whom it came to *Thomas Waters*, of -------, who had *Edward Waters*, and a daughter married to *George Baker. Edward* died without male issue, and left it to *Elizabeth* his daughter, who married first *Nicholas Killingtree*; 2d, *Edward Bacon*; and 3d, Sir *John Bolls* of *Scampton* in *Lincolnshire*, Bart. who sold it to *Killingtree*, whose son, *William* enjoyed it, and he sold it to *Henry Barkenham*, miller, who sold it to *John Rivet*, about 1646.

This house of the Friars-preachers was in the patronage of *Thomas*, Earl of *Rutland*, as *Leland*, vol. i. p. 102, as lord, perhaps, of *Wrongey.*

An anchorage belonged to it.

The Black-friars settled here about the time that the Gray friars did, as appears from a writ, *Ad quod damnum*, for a fountain, or spring granted them in *Middleton*, by *Lenn*, by *William*, Lord *Bardolf*, called *Brokewell*, and a certain aquaduct coming from that spring, or well, to their convent at *Lynn*, Esch. in *Turri Lond. A°.* 21 *Ed.* I. *No.* 71.

The Friars-preachers were here in 1272.

FRIARS DE PENITENTIA JESU,

perhaps the same with GRAY FRIARS.

In 1307, *Roger de Flegg* was vicar-general of the order of friars *de Penitentia Jesu* in *England* at *Lenne*.

A chapel out of the *east-gates* of *Lenn*, in 1467.

A grammar-school maintained time out of mind, in the charnel-house at *Lynn*, adjoining to St. *Margaret's* church, by the mayor and burgesses: the master had a good house belonging to it, and a stipend of 10*l.* 10*s. per ann.* and the usher a stipend of 7*l. per ann.* in 1562. See *Margaret's* church.

LEPARS' HOUSE.

Stephen Guybon of *North Lynne*, by his will, gave to every house of *lepars* about *Lenn, viz. West Lynne, Cowgate, Herdwyk, Setche-Hithe, Mawdelyn*, and *Geywode*, 12*d.* dated in 1432. *Stephen* was son of *Laurence Guybon: Agnes*, his daughter, was wife of *Stephen Grey; John* and *William* his sons. Reg. *Surflete, Norw.*

AUGUSTIN FRIARS OF LYNN.

The *Augustin* friars settled here in the beginning of *Edward* the First's reign, as appears by a writ, *Ad qd. damnum*, for a messuage in *Lynn*, granted by *Margaret de Southmere*, to them. *Inquis.* 22 *Ed.* I. in Turri *Lond.* N. 112.

This monastery stood in the northern part of town in *Hogman's-lane, alias Hopman's way.*

These friars had a patent granted them by King *Edward* II. in his 4th year, for the purchasing of *Thomas Lexham*, one messuage, contiguous and adjoining, for the enlargement of their manse, or house. —*Pat.* 4th *Ed.* II. pt. 2, m. 14.

License was granted by King *Edward* III. to *Thomas Drew, William Bitering, John de Couteshale* and *John Drew* of *Lenn Bishop*, that they might give and assign five messuages in *Lenne*, adjoining to the manse of the prior and brethren of hermits of the order of St. *Augustine* of *Lenn*, to the said prior, &c. for the enlargement of their manse, on condition that the reverend father, *Thomas* Bishop of *Norwich*, of whom the said messuages are held, (as appears from the inquisition of *William de Middleton*, late eschaetor of *Norfolk*,) will grant his license to the said prior, &c. and the said King gave license to *Robert de Cokesford, Agnes* his wife, and to *Richard de Houton* and *Alice*, his wife, that they may give one messuage in *Lynn*, (not held of us, as appears by the inquisition of *Roger de Wolfreton*, eschaetor or *Norfolk*) to the Bishop and his successours, on the same condition of granting license to the prior, &c. of receiving the aforesaid 5 messuages of *Thomas Drew*, &c. Teste Rege, dated at *Westminster* the 6th of *May*, in the 38th of *Edward* III.

Trin. Term, 38, of *Ed.* III. Roll 336 in dorso.

Sciant p'sentes et futuri qd. Nos Tho. p'miss. divina, N. epi. de consensu capit. nri N. concessimus et conf. priori. et frat. heremitar. de ordine S. Aug. ville nre. Lenne quod ten. cum p'tin. ubi ecclia cum manso eor. scituat. in villa nra. p'dca qd. totaliter est de feodo nro. p'ut jacet i't. tenem. qd. quond. fuit Tho. de Rigges et commun. fletam. E prate Austr. e dict. frat. ib. et ten. Margar. Folkard et Margeriæ sororis ej. et ten. qd. a Joh'is Costyn et ten. Ric. de Dokkyng ex Austr. et commun. viam vocat. Hopeman's gate, ex ag. cuj. caput oriental. abut. sup. ten. Hamonis be Cokysford et ten. Adæ de Eggener et caput occid. sup. commun. viam quæ ducit de Gresmarket usq. ad eccl. S. Nich. dict. ville, hab. et tenend. p'dict: prior. et frat. et success. de Nobis. et success. n'ris p. servitium dim. libre pip's ballivo nost. et success. nost. de ville annuat. in p'petuum. Dat. 28. July 1364, consecrat. n're 9°. 38. Ed. III.

In the 6th of *Richard* II. they had a patent for a certain aquæduct, to be made by them from *Gaywode*. *Pat.* 2. M. 23.

In the 7th of *Henry* IV. they had a patent to enlarge their manse *Pat.* 2. M. 36.

And in the 1st of *Henry* V. a patent for certain messuages granted to them. *Pat.* i. M. 17.

Margaret de Suthmere, aliened a messuage in *Lynn*, to this monastery. MSS. *le Neve.*

Hæc indentura facta 12 *die mensis Junij An. Dni.* 1461, *int. priorem conventus Lenne ord. fratrum heremitar. Sci Augusti. et totum conventum ex una parte; et Aliciam relictam Rici. Cosyn ac. Will. Pilton executores dicti Rici. ex parte altera testat. qd. cum p'dici Alicia et Will. concesserent eisd. fratribus totum proventum de quibusdam tenementis quorum numerus et scitus expressi sunt in quad. carta amicis d'cor. fratrum inde confestu.*

Nos d'cus. prior & convent. partim obligati tali dono et partim condescentes illor voto concessimus pro nobis et success. nostris missam de Benedicto nomine Jehu celebrandam, omni sexta feria nisi quande impedimentum nobis acciderit tunc eam. differemus missam usq; in crastinum tota autem vita dictæ Aliciæ erit missa illa cum nota et post decessum ejus sine nota quam sic servar. perpetuis temporibus p'mittimus. Insuper concedimus quod obitus ejusd. Rici. tenebitur in eccles. nostra Dominica in albiscum exequiis in sabbato an illam Dominicam, atq; p. majore secuntate, et ut hæc cautius observetur, annotabimus hanc concessionem nostram in kalendarijs nostris ad futuror. memoriam. Insuper qd. calix inscriptis nominibus dictor. Rici et Aliciæ assignabitur dicto altari de nomine Jesu in p'petuum principalit. qd. et si necesse fuerit ad alia altaria deserviet. - - - - - quor. omn. - - - - - et robur huic parti penes nos remanenti sigilla dictor. Alicie et Will. appendent et alteri parti penes ipsos manent. sigill. venerabilis prioris provincial. et sigill. commune dicti conv. append.—Esch. n. 112.

In the reign of *Henry* V. *William Wellys*, or *Wallys*, was a monk here, a learned man and general of his order; he died in 1421, and wrote many books.—*Bale* 558. *Holinshed*, Chron. p. 584.

In the 23d of *Edward* I. they were here; a patent being then granted to them; *R. fratrib; Sci Augustini*, and in the 34th of *Edward* I.

On the 20th of *February*, in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. it was

granted to *John Eyre*, who conveyed it to a priest, who sold it to *Shavington*, a bastard, who by will gave it to ——— *Waters*, who dying without issue, it reverted to *Shavington's* heir; *John Ditfeld* afterwards had it, and his son *John* gave it in marriage to *Thomasine*, his sister, married to *Christopher Puckering*, brother to the lord keeper of that name, and they sold it to *John Lease*, who pulled it down, and sold the stones and the ground to divers persons: See *Spelman* Sacr. p. 250.

This house was surrendered the 30th of *September* 1539, in the 30th of *Henry* VIII. by the prior and 4 brethren.—*Willis* Hist. Abb. vol. ii.

The site of it was granted to *John Eyre*, (as abovementioned) the 20th of *February* in the 36th of *Henry* VIII. (*Pat.* 26.) then in the tenure of *Thomas Cotes*, &c. valued at 1*l.* 4*s.* 6*d.*

LYNN DEANERY.

This was in the patronage of the Bishop of *Norwich*, and was taxed at 5 marks; it paid to the archdeacon of *Norwich*, for synodals at St. *Michaelmas* 58*s.* and at *Easter* the same sum, and *Peter*-pence 25*s.*

In 1315, Mr. *Roger de Snetesham*, priest, collated by the Bishop.
1324, *William Culpho.* *Ditto.*
1324, *Edmund le Straunge.* *Ditto.*
1335, *William Ode.* *Ditto.*
1349, *Henry de Winterton.* *Ditto.*
1382, *William de Bylingham.* *Ditto.*
1383, *Ditto.*
1385, *Roger de Elmham*, by the King; the temporalities of the see then in him.
1391, Mr. *William Oxeburgh* (exchanged for the free chapel of St. *Radegunds*, in St. *Paul's* cathedral) by the Bishop.
1392, *John Staunford.* *Ditto.*
John Burton.
1421, *John Walker.*
1444, *Richard Haynow.*
1458, *Thomas Ellesmer.*
1471, *John Ayshfield.*
1472, *Thomas Ayshfield.*
1478, *John Aphowell*, A. M.
1493, *William Goldwell.*

In 1543, *William* Bishop of *Norwich*, granted the next advowson of this deanery, with the liberty of the peculiar jurisdiction of *Lynn* town, to *George Deyners*, but in 1547, it was granted by the Bishop, to the archdeacon of *Norwich*.

THE BISHOP'S HOUSE IN LYNN.

John Bishop of *Norwich* grants to the altar of the Holy Trinity of *Norwich*, 3 marks of silver yearly, to be paid out of his stone house at *Lynn*, which he had built on the bank of the sea, near the chapel

of St. *Nicholas*, to the west; and *Peter*, son of *Jeffrey*, son of *Durand* of *Oxford*, (and his heirs,) to whom he had granted the said house, were tied to pay the said rent, and likewise 12*d* yearly, to the Bishop, and his successours, and then were to reserve to the Bishop and his successours, a great warehouse free, which was in the front of the said house, to put wine in. Dated 1187. *Regr. Sacrist. Ec. Cath. Norw. f.* 14.

Will. prior, and the convent of *Norwich*, grant to *John de Grey*, the fair at *Lenn*, or *Gaiwode*, and the *Saturday* market, the pleas, all perquisites which they hold in the said village, on account of their lay fee, and a messuage to the west of the chapel of St. *Nicholas*, and a messuage by the bridge of *Purflet*, and all the salt-pits in the aforesaid towns, and the toll which they had there, in exchange for the manors of *Secheford* and *Cressingham*, excepting the knights in the said towns of *Secheford* and *Cressingham*; witnesses, Master *William de Lenne*, Mr. *Jeffrey de Derham*, Mr. *Robert de Tywa*. *Regis.* 1. *Ecc. Cath. Norw. fol.* 226.

It appears that the Bishop had a house here. *Plita Coron. apd. Lenne*, 41 *Hen. III. R.* 24.

It was found that *John Wentworth*, mayor of *Lenn Episcopi*, and the commonalty, had unjustly disseised *Henry* Bishop of *Norwich*, of his free tenement here, 100 acres of land, and 20 acres of pasture, he being seized of it in right of his church of the Holy Trinity of *Norwich*, except the tenements. *Plita. Assis. Norw.* 4 *Hen. IV.*

In the 16th of *Richard* II. *Henry* Bishop of *Norwich*, &c. alienes to the priory of *Lenn*, a piece of land called *Ryfeld*, in *Geywood*, with 50*l.* land in *Thornham*, *Thorneyge*, *Hilderston*, North *Elmham*, and *Blofield*. *Esch. Nr.* 138.

THE BISHOP'S HIGH STEWARD

Was an office of the Bishop, granted by patent: in the *Saxon* age he was called *Capitalis Senescallus Episcopi*, and as such received all the revenues of the Bishop, held all the courts belonging to his lordships, and passed the accounts of the inferior officers, as bailiffs, &c. He often sate in court with the mayor, on trials, and grants of places, and officers in the town, &c. who was often sworn by him, &c. and it was held by the Bishop till *Henry* the Eighth's charter to the town, when it was granted to the corporation. The like office at *Yarmouth*, and *Norwich*; and other corporations have the said office.

SENESCALLI DE LENN, OR THE BISHOP'S STEWARDS.

Magister Toly, *sans* date.
Reginald de Hemmington, 1275.
1281, *Elias de Midleton*: quere if not Bishop *Midleton*.
Jeffrey de Bryseyard, 1336; see in *Watlington*,
1312, *John*, brother to *Lambert de St. Omer*.
Ralph Urri, clerk, 1362, *ao.* 37 *Edward* III.
Alan de Blencestre, steward about the 46th of *Henry* III.

1372, *Richard Urri*, 56 *Henry* III. see the Rot. of *James de Belvaco*, mayor.

Richard de Norwich, *temp. Henry* III. see the Rot. of *Alexander Kellock*, mayor.

Richard de Walsingham, 1280; see *Ad. de St. Edmo.* Mayor.

Laurence de Burnell, 1322, *ao.* 16 *Edward* II.

Ao. 5 *Edward* III. *William de Whetacre* steward of the liberties of the town of *Lynn*, and had return of writs and execution of them; quere if Bishop of *Norwich* or *Ely's* steward.

Letters Patent.

William Bishop of *Norwich*, by letters patent, constituted *John Mannyng* his seneschal of all his lands and letes in *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, and enjoined all his bailiffs, &c. to aid and assist him in his said office; and to enjoy and take all fees due and customary for the said office, given under his seal at his house *(hospitio)* at *London*, on *Monday* before the feast of the Translation of St. *Thomas* the Martyr, in the 9th of *Henry* VI.

1422, The Bishop granted the office of bailiff of the town of *Lyn*, and collector of his rents of assise, rents of his lete, and the court kept every *Monday*, and of the high steward's hall or courts with a pension of 4 marks *per ann.* to *William Payton*, for life. *Lib. Inst. vol. v. fol.* 140.

1423, *William Paston*, the Bishop's steward then, (after the judge, as I take it:) the prior of *Walsingham* having withdrawn one yearly suit of court, which he owed to the Bishop's court at *Lynn*, the Bishop directed his mandate to this steward and bailiffs of his liberty of *Lyn*, to prosecute and seize his lands for so doing, but being tried in the *Monday-Hall* at *Lyn*, it was found that the prior owed no suit to the court or hastings held there.

The hustings-court and pleas held every *Monday* at *Lyn* by the Bishop's steward.

In 1425 the Bishop constituted a new steward, *John* ——— by letters patent, dated at his *hospitium* at *London*, under his seal on *Monday* before the feast of the translation of St. *Thomas* the Martyr, in the 4th of *Henry* VI. This was *ad nostrum beneplacitum duratus.*

LYNN CHARTERS.

I. The first charter of liberties granted to the town, was by King *John*, at *Lutegareshall*, 14 *September*, *ao. reg. sui* 6, 1204.

II. The second was that of King *Henry* III. his son, dated at *Westminster*, the 6th of *February*, *ao. reg. sui* 17, which fully confirms what his father had granted: this was 1233.

III. The third was that of the aforesaid King *Henry* III. dated at *Westminster*, the 26th of *March*, *ao. regni sui* 52, wherein he not only confirms all former grants, but further, for the laudable and faithful service and valiant assistance, (as the words are,) which the burgesses of *Lynn* had done for him in his troubles and civil wars, granted them by this charter, to choose themselves a mayor instead of their *præpositus*, which was *ao. Dom.* 1268.

Chart of Mayors bd in v. 9 ff p. 526

This charter was first founded upon Bishop *John de Grey*, and the dean and chapter's charter of *Norwich*, for a mayor, and was confirmed by King *Henry* III. aforesaid.

The first mayor, by this charter, was elected into that office on St. *Michael's* day, *ao. Dom.* 1268, aforesaid.

And the first that has any date that I can find, was *Johannes de Hispania*, 9*Ed.* I. but of course he must have been elected at *Michaelmas*, 1281, which was the *Michaelmas* in that year, and but two months before the expiration of that King's ninth year.

I reckon from *Michaelmas*, in every year, fall it in as it will with the King's reign, which vary as their predecessors die, and they succeed, and the first mayor in every King's reign, is accounted from the St. *Michaelmas* after the beginning of this reign.

But I find mayors mentioned in the test of old deeds, without any date, which I cannot apply to any year; and there being no more than 18 years from the first mayor to that time, I shall (in the subjoined list) insert them first, as by their names and by the deeds not bearing date, they must of course be the eldest.

WEST LYNN.

HERMERUS DE FERRARIIS's manor of *Tilney* and *Islington*, extended into this hamlet, as I find it sometimes called; and by the survey we find, he had invaded or seized on the property of two freemen, who held in King *Edward's* time, 25 acres of land and a saltwork, valued at 4*s.* 6*d. per ann.* of which his predecessors had only the soc.[9]

Soon after this, it came to the family of *Bardolphs*, Barons of *Wirmegay*, and was part of that barony.

In the 3d of *Edward* III. *Philip de Virley* was found to hold here in *Euston*, *East Herling*, *Field-Dalling*, &c. 2 fees of the Lord *Bardolf*; this came afterwards to the *Rookwodes*, and *John Rokwode* held it of *Thomas Beaufort* Duke of *Exeter*, lord of the said honour in the 5th of *Henry* VI.

The Earl *Warren's* manor of *Kenwick* in *Tilney*, extended here. *Hameline Plantagenet* Earl *Warren* and *Surry*, as lord, was patron of the rectory, in the reign of *Henry* II. and gave it to the priory of *Lewes* in *Sussex*; the priory of *Castleacre* had also considerable lands by the gift of the said Earls; and their temporalities were taxed in 1428, at 2*l.* 9*s.*

William, son of *Godfrey de Tilney*, &c. gave to the monks of *Castleacre*, the homage of *Robert*, son of *Richard de Snetesham*, with all his tenement, which he held of them in the parish of St *Peter's* of

[9] Invasio Hermeri de Ferraijs——In suus antec. com'doc tantu' de xxv acr. Lesa ten, Hermerus lib. ho's quos ht. et i salin.

Lenn, with all his service: witnesses, *Alexander de Ingaldesthorp*, *William de Dunham*, *Walter de Sculham*, &c. *sans* date.[7]

It has been an idle tradition, that this was, in ancient days, the grand port or chief town; and on that account is frequently called *Old Lynn*. I have observed that in the Book of *Domesday*, *Lena* was the name of what is now called the Burgh of *Lynn* of *South Lenn*, and of *West* and *North Lenn*; and that the chief port was then at the Burgh, is certain, from the customs and lastage of that port which then belonged to the Bishop of *Ely*, and the lord of *Rising*, and which continued so for may centuries, and still belong to the said Burgh; this place was only an hamlet belonging to the said burgh; the first mention that I find of it by the name of *Lyn* St. *Peter's*, is in the deed *sans* date, abovementioned,

In a pleading, *ao.* 41 of *Henry* III. it occurs by the name of *West Lenne*, and in the year 1300, *Alan de Lindesey*, burgess of *Lenn*, gave by deed, to *William de Gousele*, farrier of *Lenn*, the liberty of a passage or ferry-boat, over the water of *Lenn*, which he had bought of *Alan*, son of *John Codling* of *West Lenn*, to the said *William* and his heirs, &c. paying to the capital lord of the liberty, the service of right due and customary, for which the said *William* gave to him a certain sum of silver in hand, paid; witnesses *John de Merlace*, then mayor, *Peter de Thundreyn*, *John de St. Omer*, &c. burgesses, dated at *Lenn*, *ao.* 1300.

The case is the same with *Lynn* in this respect, as it was with *Wigenhale*, under which name the four townships of *Wigenhale* St. *Mary Magdalen*, St. *Mary's*, St. *German's*, and St. *Peter's* were all included, and the first mention that I find of them, thus distinguished, was (as I have there observed) in or about 1130.

In the first of *Henry* IV. *Robert Digges*, rector of *Clenchwarton*, &c. confirmed to *John Outlaw*, senior, of *West Lenne*, *Edmund Baleset*, burgess of *Lenne*, a messuage and lands here; dated at *West Lenn*, on the feast of St. *Peter* in *Cathedra*; witnesses, *Richard de Bellous*, *Richard de Well*, &c. and in the 14th of *Henry* VI. a fine was levied of messuages and lands, conveyed by *Robert Popynge* and his wife, to Sir *Ralph Cromwell*.

In the 14th of *Edward* IV. the family of *Broughton* had a considerable interest in this town, when I find it called *Old Lenn*, and the burgh called *New Lenn*, (but through ignorance) when the abbot of *Bury's* lordship of *Islington* extended into this town, as may be there seen; and *Catharine Broughton*, one of the sisters and coheirs of *John Broughton*, had livery of it on *July* 7, *ao.* 21 of *Henry* VIII.

Richard Nicholl, in the 14 of *Elizabeth*, had a *præcipe* to deliver to *George Nicholl*, the manor of *Broughton*, alias *Stonham's*, with messuages and lands here, and in *Clenchwarton*, with a ferry boat; and in the 27th of that Queen, *George Nichols* had a *præcipe* to deliver it to *John Nicholls*, and likewise to *Thomas Nightingale*, Gent.

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Peter*, and was formerly valued at 12 marks, *Peter*-pence, 1*d*. The present valor is 9*l*. and is a rectory.

It is covered with lead, the chancel with reed, and has a square tower with three bells.

[7] Reg. Castleac. fol. 14.

There are gravestones,

In memory of Robert Henson, rector, who died in 1663.
Richard Tayler, rector, who died in May, 1695.
Anne, wife of Seth Hawley clerk, 1686.
Alice, wife of Richard Tayler, rector, April 23, 1681.
Mrs. Jane Hainsworth, daughter of Luke Skippon, late rector of Wissingset in Norfolk, who died September 17, 1688.
Jane Whall, Feb. 13, 1700.

In the church were these arms: *Bendy* of six, —— and *argent*, a bendlet over all, *gules*, two cross keys, *or*; St. *Peter's* arms. *Gules*, two swords in saltire; St. *Paul's* arms. *Ermin*, on a chief, *sable*; three crosses pattee; *Wichingham*.

RECTORS.

Humphrey de Suthacre, rector, *sans* date.

William de Pakenham occurs rector in 1270. He was presented by the prior, &c. of *Lewes:* there was a vicarage about that time also, but it was then consolidated in 1252, by reason of the meanness of the rectory.

In the time of this rector, about the 55th of *Henry* III. it appears by a deed of his, wherein he calls himself rector of the church of St. *Peter's*, of *Lenne*, that the church was destroyed by an inundation from the sea, together with the churchyard, and that he had procured a certain piece of ground, wherein to erect and build a new church, and therein to avoid all disputes grants to the priory the soil or ground and allows their right of patronage:[8] this was in 1271, and Sir *William de Terrington* was a witness to it; and *Alan*, son of *Robert de Creik*, of *Clenchwarton*, who sold the land, with *Robert de Scales*, who was lord of the fee, in right of his manor in *Islington* that extended here, released their right to the prior, in the presence of Sir *William de Terington*.

In 1294, *Richard de Keston*, occurs rector.

1314, *John Bakewell* instituted rector, presented by the prior, &c. of *Lewes*.

1314, *Richard le Grey*.

1329, *Walter de Elyngham*, by *Peter* the prior, &c.

In 1328, *John Wase* settled a house, with the King's license for a parsonage-house; and *Thomas de Acres* and *Muriel* his wife, founded a chantry here, and *John Palmer*, &c. feoffees, obtained license to settle a messuage, 57 acres of land, 106 of marsh, then valued at 10*l. per ann.* here and in *Clenchwarton*, &c. to found a chantry in the church.

Some say license for it was not obtained till the 16th of *Richard* II.

1349, *Fulco de Flete*, rector, instituted.

1352, *Thomas Clement*.

1353, *John Sherre*, on an exchange for the free chapel of St. *James de Melton*, in *Frampton, Lincoln* diocese.

1376, *William*, son of *Peter Albald*.

[8] Ledger Book of Lewes Priory.

1395, *John Maymond*, alias *Walton*.
1399, *John Atte Stretesend*.
1403, *George Bolour*, on an exchange for *Whelnetham Magna*, in *Suffolk*.
1418, *John Hinstock*.
John Kacche, rector.
1451, *Peter Frost*.
1454, Mr. *John Wylton*, L.L.B.
1462, *Ralph Full-of-Love*.
1465, *William Conyngston*.
1472, *John Cannock*, on an exchange for *Walpole* vicarage.
148-, *Robert Brondc*.

Sir *Adam Outlawe* of *West Lenn*, St. *Peter's*, priest, by his will, dated 1501, bequeath's "to Mr. *Thomas Tyard*, after my decease, my chantrey, with all my lands, and tenements thereto belonging, if he pleases to have it, and if not, I bequeath to him a tenement and 2 ferry-rights, one at *Cowgate*, the other at *Purflete*, during life, and after his decease to remain to the chantry of our Lady, in the church of St. *Peter*; the priest of it to pray for the good state of the aldermen, brethren, and sistern, lyvying, and for the souls of the same, viz, *Thomas* of *Acre*, and *Muriel* his wife, for the benefactors of the same, viz. *Robert Malle*, and *Agnes* his wyfe, and of my soul, my fader, &c. the second Sunday of *Lent*."—He also bequeaths to the parish clerk for the time being, 3 acres of land in North *Lenn*, and a tenement, so that he do ring in pele, on the vigil of the aforesaid yereday.[8]

The chantry was dedicated to St. *Mary*, St. *Peter* and St. *Paul*, and he was here buried in the church, before the image of our Lady, in her chapel; the tenement he also gave to the *Bell* town of this town, for the time being, called *Bunchesham*, at *Cowgate*, and an acre of land called *Vestyll's* acre, that he, on the vigil of his yere day, pray for the souls of *Thomas* of *Acre*, and *Muriel*, his wife, his soul, and the souls of his benefactors, with his bell going about the town, the evidences to remain in a black chest in the church, with 3 locks.

Thomas of *Acre* and *Muriel* his wife, were the founders of this chantry, and he died, as it seems, patron of it, and left the patronage in the gift of the parishioners; the rector or curate not to be feoffees of it, and was himself chantry priest of it.

Sir *Will. Hodge* of *West Lenn*, chantry priest of this chantry, by his will, in 1510, was buried at the east end of our Lady's chapel, in this church, and gives to *Agnes Hode* his sister, all the houses which he bought of *Robert Outlaw*, with the garden, for her life; and after her decease, gives them to this chantry, on this condition, that they shall set him in the book with their benefactors, if the King's laws will suffer it, else to be sold by his or their executors.[9]

1510, *John Burdalle* instituted rector.

1530, *Christopher Brandon*, the last that was presented by the prior. In the 29th of *Henry* VIII. *Robert*, prior, and the convent, granted the patronage to that King, and in the said year, or 31, the King granted it, *December* 22d, to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*.

On *July* 23, *ao.* 3d of *Edward* VI. this chantry of our Lady, &c. abovementioned, surrendered to that King, with all its lands, tene-

[8] Reg. Popy, Norw.
[9] Reg. Spyltimar Norw. fol. 338.

ments, &c. and granted them to Sir *Nicholas L'Estrange*, knight, of *Hunstanton*. *Richard Ladstock* was the last incumbent of it, and had a pension paid him of 6*l.* *per ann.* on its dissolution, which he enjoyed in 1553, and in 1554, was instituted rector of this church, on the presentation of *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*.

1558, *Henry Symonds*, presented by the Duke.
Richard Gatefeld, rector.

1593, *Alexander Roberts*, S.T.B. by *William Dix*, the Duke's assignee.

1620, *Robert Heman*, by Sir *Henry Montague*, Knt. and the Lady *Margaret* his wife.

1663, *Henry Colman*, by *Hugh* Lord *Colrain*.

1664, *Richard Tayler*, by *Hugh* Lord *Colrayn*.

1695, *Henry Whall*, by *Charles Turner*, Esq. *Thomas Whall*, &c.

1762, ——— *Smith*, by the lord chancellor, on the death of *Thomas Colburn*.

The temporalities of *Shouldham* priory in a saltwork, &c. were 17*s.* 6*d.*

Those of *Westacre* priory, 5*s.*—Of *West Derham* abbey, 18*s.* 11*d. ob.*—Of *Pentney* priory, 3*s.*—Of *Castleacre*, 49*s.*

NORTH LYNN.

THE principal lordship of this hamlet or town, was, in the Confessor's reign, in the abbot of *Bury*, his lordship of *Islington* extending into it, and at the survey it was found that he had 6 socmen, who held here of the said manor, 26 acres of land, also a carucate and a saltwork, valued at 40*s.* *per ann.*[1]

The patronage of the church was in the abbot of *Bury*, as lords, and *Hubert*, son of *Brixi*, of North *Len*, granted to *Sampson*, abbot of *Bury*, by deed, *sans* date, about the reign of *Henry* II. all the right he had in the patronage.[2]

In the 10th of *Richard* I. a fine was levied, whereby *Laurence*, son of *Toke*, conveyed to *Alan*, son of *William de Wigenhale*, 10 acres of land, a toft and a salt-work; the said *Laurence* also conveyed in the said year, to *Robert*, son of *Thomas*, and to *Henry* his brother, 5 acres of land in *Nordlenn*, with 5 acres of salt marsh in *Waldhog*, a saltwork, and a toft.[3]

Besides the lordship of *Bury* abbey, the Bishop of *Ely* Lord *Scales*, &c. had lordships that extended herein, as I have shewn in *South Lynn*.

William, son of Peter, enfeoffed *John* his brother, of lands here, and in *Clenchwarton*, in the 9th of King *John*; this seems to have

[1] Terra Abbat. de S'co. Edmundo ——— Huic manerio (Islinghetuna) jacent vi soc. in Lena xxvi ac. t're. sep. i car. et i sal. val. xl sol.

[2] Regist. Bur. Lib. Nig. p. 151.

[3] Fin. N. 125, 133.

come to *Robert de London*, by the marriage of *Maud*, daughter of *William*; and in the 17th of *Henry* III. the said *Robert* and *Maud* conveyed by fine, to *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*, 80 acres of saltmarsh, viz. the whole marsh called *Eye*, to be held of *Maud* and her heirs by the yearly rent of 17*s.* and 6*d.*[4]

And in the said year, *William de Sculham* had conveyed to him, by the said *Robert* and *Maud*, several lands, with a mill, to be held of them.

In the 43d of *Henry* III. *Giles de Vernon* and *Joan* his wife, conveyed by fine, to *William de Wendling*, clerk, 40*s. per ann.* rent in this town, *Tilney*, *Clenchwarton*, and *Wigenhale*.

In the 14 of *Edward* I. *Alice*, late wife of *Walter Fenne*, sued *William de Lindesley*, for the moiety of a messuage, and 60 acres of land; and *Roger*, son of *Philip de Bek*, passed by fine to *Herlewyn de le Suthsoken*, (that is *South Lynn*, which proves *South Lynn*, as well as *North* and *West Lynn*, to be hamlets, and then so accounted, to *Lynn Episcopi*, or Bishop's *Lynn*,) lands in *North Lenne*, and North *Clenchwarton*, in the 2d year of *Edward* II.

In the 14th year of the said King, *William de Fenne* sold to *John de Fitton*, by fine, 2 messuages with lands in this village, and *North Clenchwarton*.

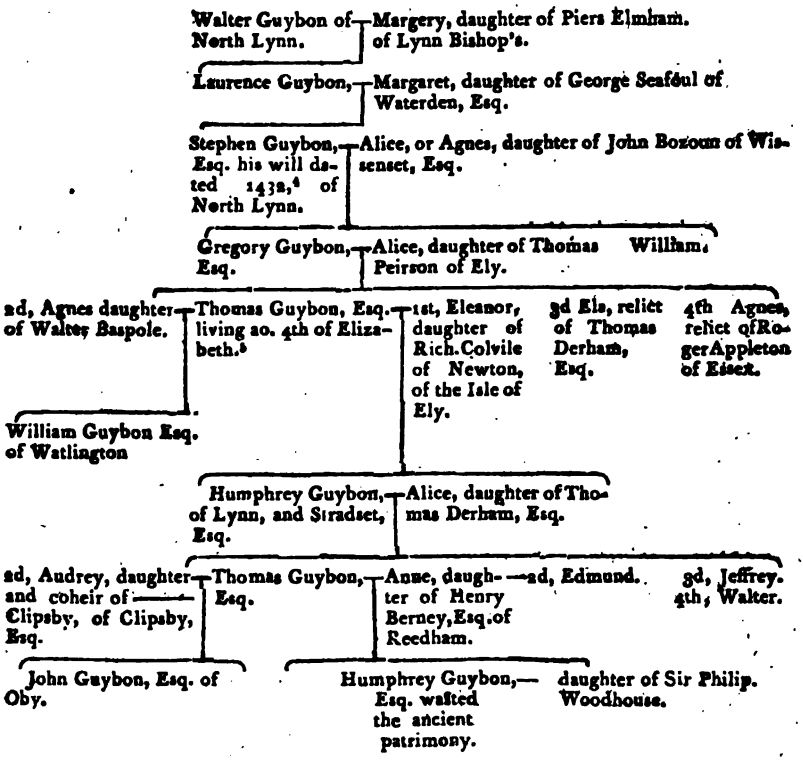
Catherine, daughter of *Simon*, son of *Theobald de Askeby* of *Lincolnshire*, surrendered by fine, to *Nicholas*, son of *John Page*, of *Norwich*, several great parcels of land in *North* and *South Lenn*, and *Lenne Bishop*, in the 13th of *Edward* III. and in his 33d year, Sir *Robert de Causton*, Knt. and *Cecilia* his wife, were querents in a fine, and *Robert Lovell* and *Etheldreda* his wife, deforciant, of lands here, and several adjoining towns, viz. 140 acres of land, 63 of meadow, 17 of marsh, and 30*s.* rent *per ann.* conveyed to Sir *Robert* from the heirs of *Etheldreda*; and *John de Tydd* of *Feltwell*, and *Margaret* his wife, conveyed, in the 41st of the said King, two messuages, and 39*s.* rent in this town, and *Lenne Episcopi*, with the ferry over the water.

King *Edward* IV. in his 19th year, *February* 14, granted to *Anne* late wife of Sir *William Bourchier*, Knt. and sister of *Elizabeth* Queen consort, and the heirs male of their body, to be held in soccage, one capital messuage, 8*s.* and 3*d.* rent *per ann.* 80 acres of marsh, and 140 acres of pasture, with messuages, pasture lands and marshes in *Clenchwarton*, a ferry-right in *Len Bishop's*, a messuage, and two gardens in *South Len*, parcel of the possessions of *Robert Gibbon*, attainted. Sir *William* died before his father, *Henry*, Earl of *Essex*, and left by *Ann* his wife, *Henry* his son and heir, Earl of *Essex*. The lady remarried *George* Earl of *Kent*, and after Sir *Edward Wingfeld*.

The *Guybons* were a family of good estate in this town, and derive their pedigree from *John Guybon*, father of *Walter*; this *John* was living here, and *Margaret* his wife, as appears by a fine in the 14th of *Edward* II. and *Walter* their son.

[3] Pl'ita 9 Joh, Term. Mich. Fin. ao. 12. L. 2. N. 54 and 54, 48 and 49.

GUYBON'S PEDIGREE



William Guybon, eldest son of *Thomas*, by *Agnes* his 2d wife, was of *Watlington*, and from him the *Guybons* of *Thursford* descend.

The temporalities of *West Derham* abbey, were in *North Lenne*, 1428, 11*s.* 6*d.* of *Wirmegey* priory, 11*s.* 6*d.*—Of *Westacre*, abbey, 20*s.* 9*d.*—Of *Norwich* priory, 3*s.*—Of *Wendling* abbey, 3*s.* 4*d.*—*Bury* abbey, 16*s.* 9*d.*

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Edmund*.

The ancient valor was 15 marks, *Peter*-pence, 1*d.* the present valor is 30*l.* 1*s.* 8*d.* and pays first fruits, &c.

The church has for many years past been destroyed by the waters, and is now a sinecure.

[4] By his will, dated in 1432, he gives 12*d.* to every house of lepars about Lynn, viz. to West Lynn, Cowgate, Herdwyke, Sechehihe, Mawdelyne, and Geywode.——*Reg. Surflete.*——His sons Gregory, John and William, mentioned in it.

[5] To this Thomas, and Will. Mynn, considerable lands of the dissolved religious houses were granted, September 13, 20. 4 and 5 of Philip and Mary.

RECTORS.

Mr. *John de Snoring* was rector, and on his death *John de Carleton* was instituted in 1306, presented by the abbot, &c. of *Bury*.

1308, *Ralph de Wykes*.
1308, *John de Carlton*.
1332, *William de Lena*, by the King, in the vacancy of the abbey.
1339, *Martin de Fincham*, alias *Godsep*.
1344, *William de Lilleford*.
1347, *Walter de Baketon*.
1352, *Thomas Strounge*.
John Muriel, rector.
1376, *Ralph de Friskeneye*.
1478, *Robert Franceys*.
1405, *Thomas de Watlington*.
1420, *John Brocklee*.
1420, *Thomas Crishale*.
1426, *Thomas Ledlady*.
1446, *John Brampton*.
1451, *Thomas Eyton*.
1464, Mr. *William Wode*, licentiate in the decrees.
1475, Mr. *Alexander Kyng*.
1482, Mr. *Richard Farneys*, A. M.
1487, *Thomas Style*.
1489, *John Byrd*: by his will, dated in 1505, he calls himself parson of *Old Lynn*, and wills to be buried in the chancel, and bequeaths to his successours, parsons of this parish, all the lands he purchased and bought of this township, to the intent, "that they and every one shall specially have my soul in remembrance, in the beed roll of the said church, every *Sunday* for ever more, if they do not, then the lands to the townhip, that they shall have my soul prayed for in the bede rolle *Sunday*.—*Item*, I give the said church 6*s*. 8*d*. and a rede dole in *Geywode*, to the black friars of *Lynn*."
1505, Mr. *William Cliff* instituted.
1509, *John Waleys*.
1539, *John Jakes*.
1546, *Richard Gaytfold*, presented by the King, on the suppression of *Bury* abbey.

On the 18 of *December*, in the 6th of *Edward* VI. the patronage was granted to *Edward* Lord *Clynton*, and *William Hereson*.

1593, *Alexander Roberts*, S.T.B.
1621, *Thomas Scot*.
1626, *William Scot*, presented by *Charles Scot*, Gent. assignee of —— *Guybon*.
1648, *Brian Smith*, by *Thomas Hammond*, Esq.
1649, *Robert Henson*, by *Henry Box*, and *Mary* his wife.
1663, *John Henson*, by the King, a lapse.
1711, *Mark Foster*, by *Henry Box*, Esq.
17—, *Peter Bateson*.
1729, *Thomas Jenkins*.
1756, Mr. *Philip Pyle*.

SOUTH LYNN.

THE chief lordship of this hamlet or village, was held by *Herold*, in the reign of King *Edward* the Confessor, who was then Earl of *Norfolk*, and afterwards King of *England*; after his death at the battle of *Hastings*, it was granted by the Conqueror, to *Ralph de Tony*, (of whom see in *Necton*.)

Five socmen held under *Herold*, 80 acres of land; there were also 3 borderers, 5 saltworks, with 2 carucates, all which was valued with *Necton* by *Swaffham*, a capital manor belonging to him.

This *Ralph* Lord *Tony*, on his founding the priory of *Westacre*, endowed it with this lordsip and advowson.

GODSCROFT, OR WESTACRE MANOR.

Several persons were benefactors to this priory. In the 4th of *Henry* III. *Will. de Dunham*, gave by life, 18*d.* rent, and one comb of salt, *per ann.* out of lands here. *Richard de Brandon*, and *Agnes* his wife, gave to *Hubert*, prior of *Westacre*, lands in *South Lenn*, in the 12th of *Edward* I.

In the 6th of *Edward* II. *Jeffrey Sutton* aliened a messuage with 60 acres of land, in *South Lenn*, *Lenn Episcopi*, *Tylney*, &c. and in the 17th of that King, *William de Wigenhale* aliened lands and tenements here, and in *Walpole*, &c. and the prior had a patent for 2 messuages, the site of a mill, 1 acre of meadow, 100*s.* rent, and 8 quarters of salt in *South Lenn*, *Lenn Bishop's*, *Islington*, *Hardwick*, *Sechy*, &c.

In the 38th of *Henry* III. the jury present, that there was a common way from this village to *Lenn Bishop's*, beyond the bridge called *Suth* bridge, which bridge wanted to be repaired, and they say that the men of the burgh always, from time immemorial, used to repair and build anew, that part of the bridge called the draught, and that they ought not to repair any other part.

The temporalities of the priory were taxed in 1428, at 3*l.* 12*s. per ann.*

At the Dissolution it came to the Crown.

John Pell farmed the manor of *Godscroft* of the Crown at 30*l.* 4*s.* 3*d. per ann.*

At the survey, *Hugh de Montfort's* lordship of *Islington* extended into this, and the other townships or hamlets of *Lyn*.

[6] Terr. Radi. de Toenio—Huic ter. lxxx. acr. t're, et iii bor. et 5 sal. et ii (viz. de Necton) jacent in Lena v soc. car, in p'tio. de Nechetuna.

SCALES-HOW.

In the 43d of *Henry* III. a fine was levied, whereby *Robert* Lord *Scales* granted to *John Soyer* for life, the manor of *Scales How*, on condition of his paying 120*l.* sterling; and *Robert* Lord *Scales* held here, in *Islington*, &c. one fee and a quarter, *ao.* 1 *Edward* I. and had the assize. In the 9th of *Edward* II. *Isabel de Scales* held it in jointure, and by fine surrendered it to the Lord *Robert de Scales*, and the lady *Egellina* his wife, with the manor of *Islington*.[s]

Richard Riggs with *Emma* his wife, held here and in *Islington*, &c. 2 carucates of land, of the Lord *Scales*, in the 12th of that King; about this time, the Bishop of *Ely*, Lord *Scales*, and *John de Fitton*, were found to have lordships in the hamlets of *South*, *West*, and *North Lenn*.

Sir *Edmund Thorp* was lord in the 3d of *Henry* IV. in right of the Lady *Joan*, his wife, relict of the Lord *Scales*; in this family it continued, till *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of *Thomas* Lord *Scales* brought it by marriage to *Anthony Woodvile* Lord *Scales*; and on her death, the families of *Howard* and *Tindale* were her heirs.

On a division of the estate of the *Scales's*, on the accession of King *Henry* VII. to the crown, this manor, &c. (as may be seen in *Middleton*) came to the Earl of *Oxford*, as one of the heirs; and on the death of *John de Vere* Earl of *Oxford*, without issue, to his sisters and coheirs.

And *John Nevill* Lord *Latimer*, had an interest herein, in right of *Dorothy*, one of the sisters and coheirs, as Sir *Anthony Wingfield* had also in right of *Elizabeth*, another of the sisters and coheirs.

Sir *Robert Wingfield* was lord, and it remained in that family till the 4th of *James* I. *George Allington*, Esq. afterwards possessed it.

After this, *Thomas Lilly*, Esq. was lord of *Scales-How*, and *Etheldreda* his daughter and heir, brought it by marriage, to Sir *William Hovell* of *Hillington*, and by the marriage of his second daughter and coheir, it came to *Martin Folkes*, Esq. of *Greys*, who left it to his brother.

The Lord *Bainard's* manor of *Tilney* extended into this hamlet, and the rest at the survey: he had also in *Lena* here, 58 acres of meadow, with 3 acres of land, and 2 salt-works, and a freeman held of him 3 acres, and 8 acres of meadow, with the moiety of a salt-work, by way of exchange, and *Stigand* had the soc.

William Lord *Baynard*, forfeited it on his rebellion against King *Henry* II. who granted it to *Richard Fitz Gilbert* Earl of *Brion*, in *Normandy*, ancestor of the Earls of *Clare*.

Rainald, son of *Ivo*, had also at the survey, in *Lynn*, 14 acres with a salt-pit, held by a freeman, which he had invaded, or seized on, valued at 4*s. per ann.* It was held before by the abbot of *Ely*, and *Stigand* had the soc; and his manor of *West Winch* extended here.

[s] Terre. Radi. Bainardi——In Lun lviii acr. p'ti. et iii ac. t're et ii saline et i libu' he'm de iii ac. et viii ac. p'ti. et d. salin. p. escan. et sup. hunc hab. Stigand. soca.

Invasio Rainaldi fil. Ivonis——In Lena i lib. ho. 14 ac. et i sal. val. iiii sol. hoc tenuit abb. de Eli et erat in soc. Stigandi.

This also came to the Earls of *Clare.*

The Lord *Bardolf,* and *James de Belvaco,* held in *South Lenne* and *West Winch,* in the reign of King *Henry* III. one fee of *Richard Fitz Simon,* of the Earl of *Clare.*

Richard, son of *William de Reynham,* held in the same reign, lands also, and *John de Reynham* in that of *Edward* I. *William de Reynham* was witness to a deed in the first of *Edward* III. and Sir *Edmund* was living in 1379. He was brother and heir of *John de Reynham,* and held lands here, of the Earls of *Clare,* and the Lord *Scales.*

In the 53d of *Henry* III. *Margaret,* widow of *Adam de Watlington,* granted a messuage in the parish of *All-Saints, South Lenn,* on the south side of the flete of the Lord *William Bardolf,* and the land called *Grenehyll,* to the east, to *Herlewin,* son of *Paulinus de Suth Lenn;* witness, *James de Belvaco.*

Thomas de Warblington held lands of the honour of *Clare,* in the 8th of *Edward* II.

Edmund Mortimer Earl of *March,* &c. was capital lord of this manor in the 3d of *Henry* VI.

SECHE PARVA

Was an hamlet in the parish of *South Lyn:* in this *Seche Parva,* on the banks of the river, and near the *Ouse* river, was

HALL-PLACE, OR MANOR.

In the 11th year of King *Edward* III. *Matthew Herlewine* conveyed by fine and trust, to *Thomas Duraunt,* parson of *Clench Warton, William Duraunt* of *South Lenn,* and *John Kervyle* of *Wygenhale,* 7 messuages, a salt-work, 75 acres of land, 29 of meadow, a turbary, 40*s.* rent, a fishery at *Seche Hithe,* with appertenances in *South Lenn, West Winch, Wygenhale,* and *North Rungton,* and the advowson of the hospital of St. *Laurence* at *Herdwyk Dam,* together with the rents, homages, services, &c. of the master of the said hospital, of the prior of *Wirmegey,* the prior of *Westacre,* and of *John de Lenn.*

To this *William Doraunt, Margery,* late wife of Sir *Roger Watervile,* granted lands at *Sechey,* in the 10th of the aforesaid King, and sealed with the arms of *Watervile, argent,* three chevronels, *gules,* in a bordure ingrailed, impaling, a fess, between six billets, (but obscure,) probably her own arms.

William Douraunt, in the 35th of *Edward* III. grants to *John* his son, and *Elizabeth* his wife, and their heirs, his capital messuage in *Seche,* with all his lands, tenements, and rents in *South Lenn, Yslyngton, Wigenhale,* &c. which descended to him on the death of *John Doraunt* his father.

This *John* married *Elizabeth,* one of the daughters and coheirs of *Matthias Herlewin.*

Alice, another daughter and coheir, married *Jeffrey Bourghard,* as appears from the following deed:

William Doraunt, of *South Len, John,* son of *Bartholomew de Watlyngton,* and *John,* son of *William de Watlyngton,* grant, &c. to *Alice,*

relict of *Jeffrey Burghard*, daughter of *Matthias Herlewin*, of *South Lenn*, and her heirs, 7 messuages with their appertenances, and 28 acres of ploughed land, 60 of meadow, &c. in *South Lenn* village, and fields, *North Lenn*, *West Winch*, *Hardwith*, &c. all which were late *Matthias Herlewin's*, father of *Alice*.

Witnesses Sir *John Howard*, Sir *John de Wilton*, Sir *John de Tilney*, knights, *John Seafoul*, *Richard Freve*, *William de Rongeton*;—dated at *South Lynn*, on *Sunday* before the feast of the exaltation of the Holy Cross, *ao.* 26 of *Edward* III. To this were 3 seals, the first of red wax, with a chevron between three escallops, *Dorant's* seal; though afterwards they sealed otherwise; the other two seals destroyed by time.

By a deed dated *July* 20, in the 9th of *Henry* VI. *John Duraunt* and *Thomas Lovell*, Esq. appoint *Tho. Pokedyk*, &c. to deliver seisen, &c. of a messuage called *Herlewin's* in *South Lenn*, and 140 acres of land lying east of *Seche Hithe*, with the advowson of the hospital of St. *Laurence* at *Hardwyk Dam*, to Sir *Henry Rocheford*, knight, *Ralph de Middleton*, and *John de Bekynwell*.

William Duraunt, Esq. was lord of *Hall Place* in *Seche*, and sealed quarterly, in the first and 4th quarter, barry of six, a bend over all, and in the 2d and 3d, three cinquefoils, in the 16th of *Henry* VI.

Sir *Edmund de Reynham* granted to *John Duraunt*, father of this *William*, in the 2d year of *Henry* IV. all his messuage in *Seche*, which he formerly purchased of *William de Wynch*, with all the lands, meadows, pasture, foldage, wards, relief, escheats, rents and services, in the town and village of *Seche*, excepting *Reynham Dole*.

His seal to this deed was *sable*, three mallets, *argent*; crest, on an helmet, a large hat, on which were two mallets, one before, and one behind.

John Durant, brother of *William*, who died *s. p.* releases to *William Walton* and *Catherine* his wife, (his sister,) and their heirs male, all his right and title in *Hall Place*, in *Seche*, with all the lands, rents, services, &c. late *William Durant's* his brother, with the advowson of St. *Laurence's* hospital, and the fishery of *Sechithe* and *Reynham Dole*, in *South Lenn*; witnesses, *Thomas* Lord *Scales*, *Thomas Lovell* of *Barton*, &c.

The said *John Durant*, Esq. granted to *Robert Synkclere* and *Agnes* his wife, the hospital, or house of lepars, with the chapel of St. *Laurence*, situate on the causey of *Hardwyke*, by *Lenne*, with the appertenances for their lives, from the feast of St. *Michael*, in the 27th of *Henry* VI. paying to him, his heirs and assigns, for every brother and sister entering into the said hospital, and made by the said *Robert* and *Agnes*, 20*d.* and it shall not be lawful for the said *John*, his heirs, &c. to put in or out, any brother or sister during the lives of the aforesaid *Robert* and *Agnes*.

Soon after this, *William Walton*, Esq. and *Catherine* his wife,[9] convey by fine, in Hilary term, *ao.* 36th of *Henry* VI. to Sir *Thomas Tudenham*, Knt. this manor of *Hall-Place*, in *Seche*, with a messuage, 200 acres of land, 50 of pasture, free fishery of *Sechyth* water, and *Reynham Dole*, in *South Lynn*, and 20*s. per ann.* in *Seche*, *Sechyth*, *Hardwyk*, *South Lyn*, &c. with the advowson of the chapel of St. *Laurence*.

[9] Catherine was daughter and heir of John Durant, Esq.

Sir *Thomas Tudenham* was, on the accession of King *Edward* IV. beheaded with the Earl of *Oxford*, for rebellion against that King, and so it was forfeited to the Crown; but *John Walton*, Gent. son of *William Walton*, Esq. and *Catherine* his wife, cousin and heir of *John Durant*, Esq. late of *Seche*, quitting all his right herein, to *Anthony* Lord *Scales*, who was lord of *Middleton*, and capital lord of this fee (as I take it,) and had at that time great power and authority, his sister being King *Edward's* queen consort.

The said *Anthony*, on *October* 30, in the eleventh year of the said King, granted it to *Margaret Bedingfeld* widow of *Edmund Bedingfeld*, Esq. and only sister of Sir *Thomas Tudenham*. This lord had a grant of the custody of it, *May* 27, *ao.* 2 of *Edward* IV.

In the 17th of *Edward* IV. *Edmund Bedingfeld* was lord; and in a court held of this manor, grants to *John Norris*, vicar of *South Lynn*, the site of the hospital of St. *Laurence* (which was then burnt) till it was rebuilt.

In the family of the *Bedingfelds* of *Oxburgh* it remained, till Sir *Henry Bedingfeld*, Bart. sold it in the reign of King *George* I. to the Lord *Fitz-Williams*, in which family it remains.

This village of *South Lynn* was always a distinct and separate place from *King's Lynn*, till in the 4th and 5th of *Philip* and *Mary*, it was granted to be annexed as a member of that burgh for ever, under the same government, and to enjoy the same privileges, and to be exempt from any power or authority of the sheriff of *Norfolk*.

Several religious houses had possessions here.

On *May* 30, *ao.* 1 of Queen *Mary*, *Gilbert Potter* had a grant of several messuages, lands, &c. formerly in the tenure of *Thomas Winter*, and belonging to *Blackburgh* priory, to be held by knight's service; *Porter* had license to alienate them to *George* and *Thomas Eden*; and *George Eden* to *John Knapp* of *South Lynn*, in the 1st and 2d of *Philip* and *Mary*, with 22 acres of land, called *Colton Dale*, in *Wigenhale*, late in the tenure of *John Reynham*, *Gilbert Potter*, &c. belonging to the said priory, and *Knapp* conveyed it, 29th of *Elizabeth*, to *Hugh Pratt* and *Edmund Houghton*.

In the 17th of *Elizabeth*, *John Herbert* and *Andrew Palmer* had a grant of 16 acres and an half of concealed land, belonging formerly to this priory, and 19 acres of land and marsh here, and in *West Winch*, granted *November* 16, *ao.* 5 *Edward* VI. granted to *Edward* Lord *Clynton*.

In the 5th and 6th of *Philip* and *Mary*, *July* 9, Sir *George Howard* had a grant of 17 acres of land in the tenure of *Robert Miller*, lately belonging to the priory of *Shouldham*.

Robert de Brandon and *Agnes* his wife, gave to the prior of *Shouldham* lands, by fine, in the 12th of *Edward* II. and their temporalities were valued at 10*s.*

Temporalities of *Ely* priory were taxed in 1428, at 10*s.* Of *Wirmegey* 10*s.* Of *Shouldham* 10*s.*

The prior of *Binham's* at 24*s.* 11*d.*

Here was a capital messuage called *Gayneslands*, belonging formerly to the college of St. *Stephen's*, in *Westminster*. Queen *Elizabeth* on *February* 18, *ao.* 27, demised to *Leonard Mapes*, Gent. this messuage, with 48 acres of land, 50 of meadow, and 110 of pasture, for 21 years, paying 24*l. per ann.* *Richard Candler* held it in the 18th of *James* I.

Here was also a house called the *White House*, or the *Dairy*, with 173 acres of pasture and meadow, held by Sir *George Kemp*, Knt. of *Pentlow-Hall* in *Essex*, in the 9th of *Charles* I.

The tenths of this village were 16*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and is a vicarage, anciently valued at 12 marks. The present valor is 18*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* The valor of the rectory was 10 marks, and *Peter*-pence 1*d.* and the priory of *Castle-acre* had a portion of tithe valued at 1*l.* 10*s.*

It is a regular pile, built in form of a cross, with 3 isles, and a chancel, covered with lead, the whole being about 140 feet long, and the breadth of the isles 48 feet, the cross isle 83 feet long; at the west end was a strong tower, four-square, with battlements of stone, and thereon a shaft, with the weather-cock, the tower being about 82 feet high, and the shaft 30; and five tuneable bells.

The tower fell down in 1763, and part of the end of the church, which is now repaired with a strong brick wall; on the top of which is a kind of cupola of wood, &c. in which hangs one small bell.

In the chancel lies a marble gravestone with the arms of *Baron*; in chief, a crescent, and decrescent, and in base, a mullet.

Juxta patris tumulum charissimi et medicinæ doctoris eximii, hic situs est Andr. Baron, M. A. collegium Petrense apud Cantabrig. utrosq; alumnos fovebat, utrosq; sociorum titulo merito adornavit, mater summa cum amore filios amplexa est, et filij matrem. Virtutes modestia semper vetuit resonari, silet itaq; monumentum. Patris obitum proximus indicat lapis, hic filij qui quicquid fuit mortale deposuit Aug. 14, A. D. 1719, ætat. 74. Utriq; hic juxta pace requiescant, utriq; ad gloriam juxta resurgant.——Hic jacet Sam. Baron, M. D. qui post hanc vitam quam bonis operibus, et vera pietate ornaverat, cælo donatus est 29 Apr. A. D. 1673.

Hic jacet Francisca Pretyman, filia Sam. Baron, M. D. uxor Petri Pretyman, obt. 22 Decr. 1666.

Sub hoc marmore dormit Francisca Baron, filia unica Tho. Goddard, armig. et uxor charissima Sam. Baron, M. D. obt. Junii 1667.

A stone,

In memory of Lidia, wife of Mr. John Sims, merchant and alderman, daughter of Mr. Jenkinson, merchant, died 1654.

In the cross isle, on a marble gravestone,

Here lies Thomas Spensly, gent. who died October 2, 1673, *aged* 73.

A stone,

In memory of Mary, wife of Richard Beckham of Gaywood, gent. late wife of Andrew Pell, of South Lynn, gent. died January 26, 1626.

One,

In memory of Rachel, wife of Jacob Wragg, gent. who died 1685.[1]

On a marble in the south isle,

[1] On this gravestone is on a chevron ingrailed, a bear's paw, between three bulls heads, caboshed, impaling, a chevron, between three griffins, segreant.

Jacet hoc sub lapide corpus Tho. Lilly, gen. qui obt. 21 *Aug.* 1662, *ætat.* 56. *corpus Clementiæ uxoris quæ obt.* 27 *Sept.* 1663, *ætat.* 59.

In the north isle, near the door, a gravestone,

In memory of Ann, one of the daughters of Luke Skippon, D. D. rector of Wissingset, who died — of January, 1694, *and sometime vicar of this parish.*

The plate belonging to the communion is considerable; in the whole 154 ounces 10 penny weights; about 130 ounces of it was the gift of the Lady *Etheldreda Hovell*, relict of Sir *William Hovel*, of *Hillington*, sole daughter and heir of *Thomas Lilly*, Gent. abovementioned.

At the Dissolution this impropriate rectory being in the Crown, was assigned to the Lady *Mary*, before she came to the crown, and was valued at 11*l.* 0*s.* 9*d. per ann.*

In the 20th of *James* I. it was possessed by Sir *John Jolleys*.

VICARS.

Peter de Wendy occurs vicar in 1302.

1307, *Bartholomew de Runhale* instituted, presented by the prior, &c. of *Westacre*.

1312, *John de Godewick.*

1321, *Richard de Godewick.*

1346, *Henry Basset.*

1352, *William Aungier.*

13--, —— *de Barlings*, vicar.

1369, *John de Acre.*

Robert Flood occurs vicar, in the 17th of *Richard* II. and *A°.* 5 of *Henry* IV.

1412, *Thomas Ledlady.*

1417, *John Candeler.*

1428, *John Mundeford.*

1438, *Hugh Acton.*

1442, Mr. *John Halle.*

1444, *John Norys:* by his will in 1503, he desires to be buried in the middle of the high qweere (the chancel) before the sacrament, and gives to find a priest at the altar of the blessed Trinity in this church, and for the better sustentation of that gild, his meadow and house, with the appertenances, lying without the east gates of *Lynn*, called the *Oylhouse*, and the profits of 7 acres of land and meadows in *Sechy*, called *Berton's yards*, and 5 acres in *Rungton* field, 3 half acres in *West Winche* mershe, to find a lamp burning day and night before the sacrament in the hey quere, by the oversight of the church reves, and his portous of paper rial to be chayned in the chapel of our Lady in this church. This vicar also built the vicarage-house, as appears by an inscription carved on the wood of the door case; his chantry priest was to pray dayly for his soul, and *Jeffrey* his father's, and the alderman and his brethren of Trinity gild, to keep yere day on *Monday* in *Easter* week, in Trinity chapel, and of *Tuesday* the mass of requiem.

1504, *Richard Gotts.*

1535, Mr. *Thomas Alblaster*, S. T. B.

1543, Mr. *John Clerk*, presented by *Thomas Legh*, Dr. assignee of the prior.

1556, *Nicholas Myller*, by the King and Queen.
1569, *Henry Thompson*, by the Queen.
1601, *William Guybon*, S. T. B. by the Bishop of *Ely*, on an exchange of the lands of that see, with the Queen.
1605, *John May*, by the Bishop of *Ely*.
John Horn, vicar.
1662, *Luke Skippon*, D. D.
1668, *Mordant Webster*.
1689, *John Marshall*.
1689, *Henry Wastell*.
1718, *Thomas Pyle*, by the Bishop of *Ely*.
Mr. *Charles Phelps*, by *ditto*.

A messuage was granted to the vicar and parishioners, to find a light in the church, *A°*. 16 of *Richard* II.

In this church was the fraternity, or gild of the Holy Trinity, a patent for it in 1414: the guild-hall, with messuages and lands, &c. in the tenure of divers persons granted in the 2d of *Edward* VI. to *Thomas Woodhouse* of *Waxham*, with several lamplands.

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